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Tessos Isaac, a Greek Cypriot, was killed and more than 50 others from both sides of the Cypriot community hort in clashes yesterday

Cyprus bikers' protest ends in killing

ight embryos, the News of World and tions impresario Max Clifford

provoked a public outcry. Mr Clifford said the size of the deal that Mandy Allwood has signed for her story will depend on the number of children are born alive. Ms Allwood and her partner, Paul Hudson, stand to make around £1 million, or £125,000 per baby, if all eight are born but considerably less if only two or three are born, he said.

The couple, who have already sold their story to the News of the World for an undisclosed sum, are also receiving offers from television and commercial companies and newspapers from around the world, according to Mr Clifford.

The deal has raised ethical concerns over Ms Allwood's decision to keep all eight babies. She has been advised by doctors to undergo a selective abortion of six of the embryos or face losing all eight and putting her own life at risk

Quentin Davies, the Tory MP for Stamford and Spalding, who has brought a pri-vate members' bill aimed at curbing chequebook journalism, said yesterday: "It's clear that chequebook journalism has plumbed new depths. I hope no doctor will allow his opinion to be influenced by these consider-ations. The whole thing is very squalid." Dame Jill Knight, Conser-

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vative MP for Edgbaston and chairwoman of the Tory back-bench health committee, said:



people have done that. If Mandy were to give birth to seven or eight healthy chil-dren, which is what she's hoping, then that would be a huge world wide event. Of course it's bound to affect how much she receives. What I've put together is a peckage that gives them the maximum possible benefit."

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According to the News of the World, Ms Allwood, who has a son from a previous marriage, became pregnant after undergoing fertility treatment at a private clinic and resuming sexual relations, against the advice of doctors who warned her that

she ran the risk of a multiple Mr Hudson, aged 37, said the thought of aborting six embryos was "too horrific to contemplate." He added: "Our eight babies were obviously meant to be."

However, Ms Allwood's doctor, Professor Kypros Nic-olaides, head of foetal medi-cine at King's College hospi-tal, said she was putting her life at risk and stood a strong chance of losing all eight babies.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's The World This Weekend, Phil Hall, editor of the News of the World, denied that Ms Allwood would try to give birth to all eight for the finan-cial rewards involved. "We've

agreed a sum of money should she give birth to eight chil-dren and we've agreed to discuss the situation with her should it change." Ms Allwood's decision to reject selective abortion has

More than 50 hurt in divided island's worst clashes in years Chris Drake in Nicesia

YOUNG Greek Cypriot was beaten to death yesterday and more than 50 people from both sides of the commu nal divide were wounded as the worst clashes for years flared across the partitioned

force their way on foot or on motorcycles through barbed island. wire around the zone, and The violence broke out when groups of Greek Cypriots refused to accept atwas beaten by Turkish Cyp-riot counter-demonstrators. Standing by his assailants tempts by the government to cancel a demonstration by motorcyclists intent on forc-ing their way through the

Ing their way inform the United Nations buffer zone — which separates the two com-munities — to protest at Tur-key's occupation of the north. Tassos Isaac, aged 24, died of head injuries, according to a destine at Barbianni hearing to

a doctor at Paralimni hospital near Dherinia. Witnesses said



he was among those trying to | Many hundreds of bikers were already heading to a gathering point as the chief organiser, George Hadjicostis, made the announcement. He was jeered and had to be escorted away by police for were policemen from the selfhis own protection.

declared Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. lead to serious injuries. But angry bikers, supported by Greek Cypriots in cars and on foot, headed towards the The UN spokesman, Walde-mar Rokoszewski, said troops from the Turkish side fired at bikers after they drove through the ceasefire line. Attempts by President Glaf-cos Clerides to call off the buffer zone at various points along its 112-mile length. Outside Nicosia, they used

demonstration came too late. a car to tow away a Greek

military barricade and raced | onstrators sent dense clouds across. British troops from | of smoke billowing into the across. British troops from the 39th Regiment, Royal Arur, tillery, attached to the UN peacekeeping force, chased after them and formed a human chain to keep the two communities apart as Greek Cypriots started fires and threw stones.

Then came news that clashes had spread to areas around the British sovereign base at Dhekelia in the southeast

Four Greek Cyprict televi sion channels carried the scenes live, which enabled word to be passed by mobile phone directly to demonstrators who then headed for the trouble spots. The British troops at

Dhekelia tried to maintain a low profile, leaving the issue of law and order to 125 Cyp-Observers had predicted riot members of the base that the demonstration could police force.

The demonstrators forced their way past, coming into direct conflict with Turkish Cypriot civilians and the north's military forces, including Turkish troops armed with light machine guns. Fires lit by the Greek dem-

two youths had been hit. Turkish Cypriot authorities insisted that only warning shots had been fired into the adding to the confusion, and then shots rang out, injuring several Greek Cypriot air. demonstrators and at least one policeman from the Brit-ish base.

The original plan had been for the bikers, supported by groups from the, European Motorcyle Federation, to gain international attention and Soon afterwards, television pictures showed a soldier from the Turkish side pulling force some sort of reunion in out a handgun and opening Cyprus. That prospect is now fire, with later reports saying even more remote than ever.

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Ulster's marching tensions abate

David Sharrock Ireland Corespondent

HE year's most tense weekend of loyalist and republican parades in Northern Ireland ended last night with another confronta-tion between Catholics and Protestants but also with relief that the worst of the marching season is over. Thousands of republicans rallied in Belfast to commem-

arose. In her circumstances it must now be very difficult to resist offers." The Department of Health and the British Medical orate the 25th anniversary of Association refused to com-ment on the conditions underinternment but heeded calls from the platform to disperse quietly. Security was tight pinning the sale of Ms Alland police kept flag-waving loyalists behind a cordon of Woman could die, page 5

day had threatened to plunge Ulster back into widespread violence, but the Protestant organisation defused the tension by accepting a police ban

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gone away, you know", did not speak at yesterday's Belfast rally beyond introducing the main address, delivered by armoured vehicles as the | Dodie McGuinness.

Sinn Fein supporters passed close to the Shankill Road. The rally took place after sporadic overnight violence in Londonderry. An Appren-tice Boys rally there on Saturcreasing electoral support and the need for a comprehensive settlement of the annual

"We uphold the right of the loyal institutions to march but that does not include the right to march over anyone," Ms McGuinness said. "We don't have to like what Unionism represents ... but we do not seek to destroy the heritage or culture of that Protestant community."

It was a theme picked up by Mr Adams as he spoke with reporters. "It is not a security problem, it is a political prob-

Ms McGuinness, who was lem. The annual crists of elected to represent West Bel-fast in the May elections, con-centrated on Sinn Fein's in-the British government." there is a proactive policy by the British government." Mr Adams said the decision of the Apprentice Boys' governor. Alistair Simpson, to ne gotiate with Bogside resi-dents "shows the stupidity and bigotry of David Trim-ble's position" not to talk to people in the Garvaghy Road, Portadown, during last month's stand-off with the Orange Order at Drumcree. But as he was speaking a confrontation was developing between nationalists in Bel-

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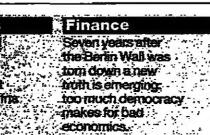


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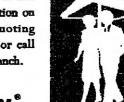
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Manchester United G2 beat Newcastle United 4-D in the Charity Shleid. Alart Shearer, Newcastle's 215m striker, made

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laghy, Co Londonderry, and members of the Protestant Royal Black Preceptory who were attending church.

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2 NEWS The Guardian Monday August 12 1996 Hand on wallet for the Grand Old Party

Every candidate for the American presidency has his price, and everyone outside the 1996 Republican convention is trying to sell you something

Monday sketch

Peter Preston

OU MAY, I guess, already have seen the television pictures of £300,000 of fireworks lighting San Diego Bay, 6,500 pinnacles of the pyrotechnic art blend-ing Pearl Harbour and Apocalypse Now across the Pacific sky. Or, put it another way, if you haven't caught the pictures, the Republican Party will be pig sick. What, otherwise, is the point of all that boodle going up in red, white and blue smoke?

We began this party conven-tion with a calculated bang (uncalculated whimpers follow later). But the site of the political revels itself, an ocean liner of a hall parked beside the yacht harbour, seems an almost puny heart of the matter. Only half those who want to get in at any one time have seats available. Half of the del-

avoid rhetorical gridlock. That shouldn't be a prob-lem. The convention centre is really only a political people parking lot surrounded by many more acres of trailers, lorries and cabins bearing the name of every big television company on earth, and possi-bly Mars. You can barely glinpse the sea for TV clob-ber. Those monsters will need to be constantly fed with hot and cold running interview.

ees. And, as we pause for These Messages about juicy burgers and heartburn, there is always a stroll in the sun down the front to Seaport The shopkeepers of this ex-

egates, and half of the press will need to get out every min-ute of the next four days to

pansively twee complex (the Seasick Giraffe sells yachting and safari kit) have seen an easy buck coming and stocked accordingly. Buy a gold-and-jewel encrusted GOP elephan brooch the size of an egg yolk. Ponder a pewter elephant with a golden dove on its back

for \$100. Think about His and Hers rag doll elephants called Mr President and the First Lady for \$40 a trunk. Most of the merchandising

is innocently, mindlessly patri otic. A pot black Scots terrier spins on everything" from Alamo Flags, with its stinky little packet claim: "Made by with the Star and Stripes round his hindquarters; a giant Pooh Bear from Hug-alegal Americans"?)



Bob Dole introduces his running mate, Jack Kemp, to supporters in Kansas over the weekend photograph: STEPhan Savoia

Bear similarly attired, and 40 I was tempted by only one of per cent discounted already. They all know about wrapping the many Republican T-shirts. "When I grow up, I want to be President," it said. Fifty years everything that sells in the flag. But you can find the bileafter he grew up, Bob Dole still ful shopkeeper too. (How about appears to have that yen. "The Clinton famous Yo-Yo... Heaven alone knows why. The best buys in San Diego

aren't in Seaport but six or so blocks back from the sea in the Gaslamp district they once called Stingaree: 71 saloons 120 whorehouses, headlines around the world when Police Chief Keno Wilson rounded up 136 ladies one 1911 night. Ken Cilch and Junior run a

lamp Museum on Market Cilches have a special Wyatt

ninute shop called the Gas-

Street. It is treasure trove. The Earp number running this

week. Did you know that Earp was a lifelong Republican? Or that the crooked Democratic sheriff of Tombstone, Johnny Behan, was up to his dirty neck in the Gunfight at the OK corral? There turns out to be a great deal about Wyatt Earp that Kevin Costner didn't

mention A smouldering old photo-

graph of a dark-haired girl, see through dress slashed almost to the waist, sits at the back of the tiny museum. She looks like Louise Brooks in The Blue Angel: memorably beautiful. This, it transpires, is Josie Marcus, the young dancer and mistress of the aforementioned Behan, who fell in love with Earp and mar ried him. Lucky old Wyatt, with his droopy moustache

and thin, prim lips. They moved together to San Diego for a while, where Earp owned saloons and gambling halls and grew rich. The most famous marshal in the West turned boxing referee and eld the ring when Bob Fitzsimmons fought Tom Starkey. (He prudently wore his six-gun for the occasion).

Cilch makes his basic living selling political memories, though They fill the front of the shop, yellow manifestos grinning early shots of Tricky Dicky, banners and posters and buttons.

Never throw away a campaign button. They may rust or scratch down the decades, but John F. Kennedy for 1960 will fetch \$60 and Franklyn D. Roosevalt for 1936 and '44 (in bargain pack) a cool \$125. There's a Ladies for Lyndon button (he sent them up from Texas to the convention with

half a ton of free toffees to dish

But it is the names you quickly forgot or perhaps never knew which return with a Jolt, and echo across the Bay. William Miller? John J. Sparkman? Their faces are on the buttons all right, Miller grinning below Barry Gold-water. Sparkman riding with Adlai Stevenson in '52. The distant, departed running mates of candidates who never made it, the carriers of pitchers of spit which never even

grew warm. Bob Dole, doubling with Gerald Ford on their button, might have found such russing oblivion close around him, But he's top of the new ticket; with Jack Kemp, as it turns out. The media caravan heaves with electronic excitement. Dole and Kemp. Spark-man and Kemp. Bill Miller and Kemp. Sergeant Shriver and

man ever make a difference? Can anybody but the main man count at last knockings? There is a slim, white volume at the back of a Gaslamn shelf. Thirty dollars, from \$1

at publication, and worth every cent. It's called The Wis-dom of Spiro T. Agnew. Before I leave San Diego, I'll have it in my bag. We all need some wisdom that lasts.

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Chechen peace plan in tatters



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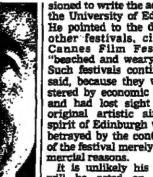
Dan Gizister Arts Correspondent

HE 50th Edinburgh Fes tival got what it most needed yesterday: a hint of controversy. Giving the inaugural address, the linguis-tic philosopher, Professor George Steiner, questioned the wisdom of continuing with an enterprise that has become one of the largest and commercially most successful arts festivals in the world. Mr Steiner, delivering the first University of Edinburgh Festival Lecture, said: "To know when to stop is a rare but vivid mark of honesty

He argued that the festival

arose as a response to the con-

ditions of a bruised and blood-



It is unlikely his musings will be acted on literally, Their implications are that the festival should end and his inaugural address would be the first and last University of

sioned to write the address by the University of Edinburgh. He pointed to the decline of other festivals, citing the Cannes Film Festival, a "besched and weary whale". Such festivals continued, he said, because they were bolstered by economic interests and had lost sight of their original artistic aims. The spirit of Edinburgh would be betrayed by the continuation of the festival merely for com-

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A Chechen fighter dodges sniper fire in the central market of the capital, Grozny. Separatists fought fierce battles with Russian troops yesterday for control of the city as Russia's prime minister. Viktor Chernomyrdin, announced emergency measures in Moscow PHOTOGRAPH: ROBERT KING

As fighting rages, Russian plans to send in extra | control of the city centre, al-though they agreed the battle | wirtually no rear", presumtroops and declare a state of emergency may be to no avail. James Meek in Moscow reports

icy for ending the war in Chechenia lay in ruins last night as the Russian prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, called for more troops to be sent to the out-of-control territory and preparations got under way for the declaration of a

state of emergency there. Mr Chernomyrdin's com-ments were the starkest indication so far of how grave the crisis in Chechenia has become since a large force of rebel fighters seized control of most of the capital, Grozny, the case. last week.

Vesterday, as fighting con-tinued to rage in Grozny, and with rebels still entrenched in with rebels still entrenched in two other towns, Gudernes and Argun, Russian military sources said that up to 200 of their troops had been killed, dozens were missing and as many as 800 had been wounded.

Before Mr Yeltsin's re-election as president on July 3, two peace deals were signed between Moscow and the separatists, envisaging a full ex-change of prisoners and the

ORIS YELTSIN'S pol- | withdrawal of all but two | the Chechen situation after Russian military units from Chechenia. Mr Yeitsin also days of vacillation by the Rus-sian leadership as the situation worsened last week. Alexander Lebed, the presipromised that conscripts

would no longer have to serve in the republic. dent's national security ad-viser, made a lightning visit yesterday to the border between Chechenia and the Mr Chernomyrdin made his call for federal forces in Chechenia to be strengthened after an emergency meeting of the government's Chechen Russian territory of Dagestan settlement committee in Moscow yesterday. He claimed it did not conflict with Mr

after being appointed Mr Yeltsin's special representa-tive to the region. Interfax news agency said the former general might meet separatist Yeltsin's earlier decrees on solving the crisis, but it was esentatives. It is not clear what differhard to see how this could be

ence a state of emergency "First of all we need to would make to Chechenia, where Russian troops and Chechen rebels operate acsolve the problem we have now, and then move to negoti-ations with the rebels," he cording to their own rough said. "But there will have to justice and a despised puppet be negotiations eventually." He said that "radical mearegime loyal to Moscow makes ineffectual attempts to

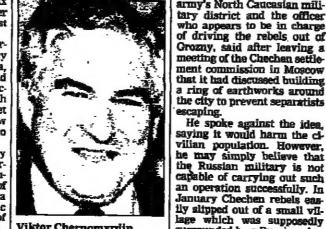
impose its will. Confused and contradictory sures" were needed to settle the crisis, and that the justice reports from Grozny yester-day spoke of rebel detach-ments still roaming parts of the ruined city freely, and a minister had been given three days to draw up terms for the declaration of a state of

emergency. The prime minister, who steady breakdown of basic had a meeting with Mr Yelt-sin earlier in the day, seemed services for the thousands of civilians trapped by fighting. determined to take charge of Both sides claimed to have

though they agreed the battle was more and more coming to resemble the desperate, costly struggle for Grozny when Russian troops first stormed it in January 1995. Interfax quoted rebel

spokesmen as saying the Russians had switched tactics from assaults by armour and infantry to attacks by small groups of soldiers backed up by artillery. They were suffer-ing heavy losses but were advancing advancing.

falling to the rebels. General Anatoly Kvashnin, commander of the Russian army's North Caucasian mili-A spokesman for Russian forces said their troops "had



Viktor Chernomyrdin . radical measures' needed

ied post-war Europe. Its aim was to bring harmony and healing. Fifty years later strife was again breaking out in Europe, raising the ques-tion of whether the festival had realised its aims. 'The proud and joyous image of an Edinburgh in Europe, of the festival as the | Cambridge, was commis- | page 10

vithin excellence

Edinburgh Festival Lecture whether festival should end But the festival gives the local economy such a boost enactment of a European that it will surely weather the communion, looked to an eclipse of tribalism ... this foresight of hope had, after assault. Brian McMaster, fes-Europe's near self-slaughter, every rational legitimacy. At signal points, it has not been realised." Mr Steiner, professor of comparative literature at

assault. Brian McMaster, re-tival director, said: "I would happily resign if I believed the festival had fulfilled its mission, or closed itself off. Until the answer is yes. I'll stay and help it grow. Edinburgh Feetival, 02,

Shock troupe plays it straight in the funny zone

Festival review

Robert Yates ************************

Towering Inferne Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh

YOU can't move in the As-sembly Rooms for wiseacres, for stand-up comedians and sketch shows, for endless japers and joshers, and enough badinage to start a small war. At times, you think you've landed in a sit-com, an you're the only straight man in sight. In this environment the arrival of multi-media per formers Towering Inferno with Kaddish, a bewitching performance built on a "dream history of Europe in the wake of the holocaust", no

less, was bound to appear odd. It's no criticism to say that there are no laughs to be had. Punters who've spent the day ducking *double entendres* will get a shock if they try it out

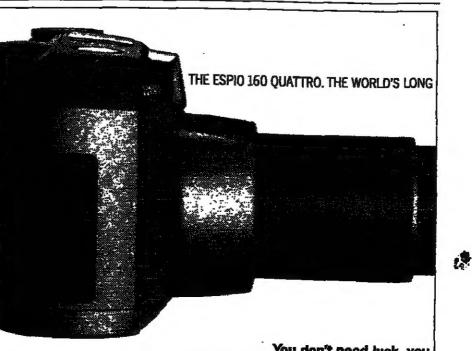
end. Others just moved, Tow-ering Inferno achieving quite a high walk-out figure. Perhaps the promoters should issue a disclaimer: 'Kaddiah may be brilliant, but it's hardly entertainment." Towering Inferno are a cou-ple of Jewish-English musicians, Richard Wolfson and Andy Saunders, accompanied by musical and film-making colleagues. They assemble a show of sound and image. with film projected on to three large screens above and either side of the stage. The place takes its name from the Jewish prayer for the

dead, and the film centres on the Holocaust. Some of the footage --- material im-pounded by the East Germans after the war and released only recently — is worth the admission alone, carrying the seductive power of a Riefenstahl docu

Towaring Inferno them-selves might tell you this is apt since Kaddish is about how

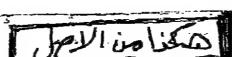
by chance. Still, many on the opening night appreciated the shock, appearing moved at the horror gets bound up in beauty. Or they might not, because what's impressive about Towering Inferno is that they don't bow down to art-speak, or standard performance art high Jinks. They prefer to be direct. Although some of the music is difficult to take in long stretches, other parts produce heavy metal straight enough for Beavis and Butthead. They are most effective, however, when they play it soft, when the voice of Sussan Deyhim — a sometime collaborator with Jah Wobble works as a balm. As well as being musically

direct, Towering Inferno are inclined to use the most vivid publicity ruses. Yesterday afternoon they followed Saturday night's opening perfor-mance by setting alight three monumental symbols — two stars of David and a swastika In a development which even the smart Towering Inferno boys had not planned, the swastika fell to the ground, pulled down by its own weight, and left the two stars of David burning away.



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surrounded. The dilemma, he said, was whether to "storm the areas occupied by the bandits directly, with huge losses, or to soften the targets up with artillery and aviation beforehand, with the inevitable destruction of buildings". Russian troops did appear to have established an intermittent corridor to the group government buildings in the centre of Grozny which last week seemed in danger of

tary district and the officer

who appears to be in charge of driving the rebels out of

Grozny, said after leaving a

meeting of the Chechen settle-

ment commission in Moscow that it had discussed building

a ring of earthworks around

the city to prevent separatists

He spoke against the idea, saying it would harm the ci-

vilian population. However,

he may simply believe that the Russian military is not

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The Guardian Monday August 12 1996

Declassified documents confirm accidents to US and British bombs caused radiation leaks in southern England



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"I think she knew she was going to die. She handed back her back door key and told us to cancel her subscriptions. Every day she would ask 'Will I die tonight?"

"I would get angry, if we knew there was a cover-up. I feel a little cynical because there seems to be a tradition among governments not to tell people things that are of vital importance to them."



MoD facing humiliation over nuclear accident lies

HE Ministry of De-fence last night faced the prospect of a humiliating retreat from its 4 tence that there has never been a nuclear weapons accident in Britain, after overwhelming evidence emerged of British and American atom bomb damage and radiation in southern Engand in the 1950s and 1960s. Both Labour and Liberal Democrats pressed the Gov ernment to come clean after the first confirmation that it has repeatedly lied about A-bomb accidents. The proof is from a 1959 accident report by 49 Squadron at RAF Witter-ing, which recorded "severe age" to a 2,000lb British nuclear weapon after it acci-dentally fell out of a Valiant bomber in May of that year. The document was one of several passed to the Campaign for Nuclear Disarma-ment and revealed in yesterday's Observer. Others show that government scientists be-lieved another accident, involving a US aircraft at Greenham Common in Berk-shire in August 1957, had con-taminated the surrounding area with uranium Yesterday, the MoD ini-tially stuck with its formula

that "there has never been an accident involving damage to. or release of radioactivity from, a nuclear weapon in the UK". Challenged over the

"On returning to base at the close of Exercise 'Mayflight', a 2,000lb Nuclear Weapon was accidentally jettisoned from the bomb bay of EP210. Severe damage resulted to the weapon upon hitting the hard standing."



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report of the Wittering acci-dent - recently declassified scientists said the high conce trations of uranium around Greenham Common could the Government's wall of only have been caused by dam-age to a nuclear weapon, and silence started to crumble. The MoD spokesman said: "This is not something to which we can respond to in detail over the weekend." suggested a link with an air-craft fire at Greenham in Febdetail over the weekend." John Reid, Labour's deruary 1958. US authorities always denied the aircraft fence spokesman, warned carried an atomic bomb. The latest Greenham leaks show one of the most senior that the Government was "digging itself into a deeper and deeper hole over this, Aldermaston scientists, F. D. rather than treating the Brit-ish people as mature adults". Morgan, attributed the con-tamination to another US air-David Rendel, Liberal Demcraft fire in August 1957 and pinpointed uranium and potential Common - said the Govern contamination. should "come clean". The revelations about US

Eddie Goncalves, CND's spokesman, yesterday called accidents at the Greenham Common base, now closed, for a public inquiry into the contamination of the Greenham area, and a Royal Comwill heighten concerns about the cluster of leukaemia cases mission into the history of in the Newbury area. The "exsuch accidents. It had been a cess incidence" of childhood "tale of deceit, cover-ups and leukaemia was first high-lighted in a 1967 British Media callous willingness to put innocent lives at risk". cal Journal study. The Govsaid. According to CND's ernment has reopened an sources, there have been at east 20 accidents in the UK ---ecret 1961 one as recently as 19 overnment scien-

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Ruaridh Nicoll meets Richard and Elizabeth Capewell, whose daughter Ann died of leukaemia in Newbury aged 16

Elizabeth and Richard Capewell, whose daughter Ann (above left) died of leaukaemia

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Living and dying in fear of nuclear clouds and cover-ups

borders and stocks, Elizabeth and Richard Capewell live their Berkshire idyll. Their detached house sits in pretty Old Newtown Road out of sight of the crumbling bunkers of Greenham

Yesterday, a neighbour looked up the hill through the lush trees, feeling the warm breeze on his face. "Do you think the wind comes directly down here from Greenham?" he asked. The implication was clear. If it did it could be

bringing death with it. The Capewells do not know whether that wind passed over them and took their daughter, Ann. All they know is she died before their eyes. Now, after sticking little dots on a map, they know many nearby

EST ZOOM COMPACT.

EHIND marigold clear accidents that had oc-borders and stocks, cured in Britain which had 114 been kept from the public. For a few weeks they have known about a fire at Greenham Common in which a nuclear bomb was burnt and which may have covered the area in radio active dust. Connection: are being made. Another parent whose daughter suit fered from leukaemia, Rod

erick Bowrage, has set u the Newbury Leukaemi Study Group. Elizabeth and Richard are within a year or so o turning 50. They came to Newbury in 1986 despit the women's protest that was just about to start a couple of miles away acros Deadman's Lane. Their

daughters, Vicci and Ann, and son, Tom, were young and the town was pretty. Greenham Common's massuffered the same fate. Yesterday they read in heavy presence but then The Observer of the m- Newbury is not short of

Rebecca Smithers

Political Correspondent



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so she went to the doctor, her second bout of chemo- worried. Elizabeth rushed still alive after four rounds | The local council has de-who said she had a virus," therapy. "She was fright-said Elizabeth. "I thought ened but she was a girl of drugged to talk. Then there was Eddie study into radiation levels

few words," said Elizabeth. "She rarely complained. "By the afternoon she was coming out of it but then she started screaming She was getting no emotional help except what we about the pain in her could provide, but we were exhausted as well. For four head." She was haemorrag ing. "Then she said her las words to you," Elizabeth said to Richard. "Daddy, or five weeks we were sleeping on the floor by her bed. I would try to help but Daddy. On the day she was buried her GCSE results I was so exhausted I would came in."

fall asleep." "I think she knew she was going to die," said Richard. "She handed back her back door key and told On Greenham Common the bunkers that housed us to cancel her subscrip-tons. Every day she would ask 'Will I die tonight?'.'' Elizabeth went to Devon for a break while Richard stayed by Ann's bed. "She started having fits in the middle of the night, spliting blood over me but that was

the nuclear weapons looked shabby, the grass that covered the runway areas was covered by hay bales. The Capewells had tried to get on with their lives, careful not to become too obsessed with what had killed their daughter. But seven months later they received a shock. "Alice Bowrage had got leukae-mia," said Elizabeth. She

Then there was Eddie Hicks, who worked at a local garage, who died in 1994 after having leukae-

investigation.

Last month.

cerned the radiation will mia for six years. He was come the focus and not 23. And the teacher at Ann's school who died the year before Ann. There was also the son of the people who run the leukaemia group, plus another little boy, and the husband and wife who fell ill and the husband died. The Capewells only started their map a few weeks ago. "There are 10 cases we know of in the 1990s and eight are within 200 what was it caused by." yards," said Richard. "We're just a couple of angry later, if we knew mugs in the street who have noted a pattern and, with each day, it gets more frightening. What is needed

the lenkaemia that is killing people. "It's easy to forget there are real people here," said Richard. But the fact that the Gov-ernment knew about the spills and did nothing has yet to be proven. Richard and Elizabeth will wait until proof comes in to get really angry. "We want to know, if it wasn't caused by a government cover-up angry later, if we knew there was a cover-up. I feel a little cynical because there seems to be a tradition among governments not to tell people things of vital importance to them. "We have other children.

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is a comprehensive study of lenkaemia clusters starting from scratch. even if scratch is our map." because she was biting her because she was biting her tongue." Although she had no history of epilepsy, the doctors were still not too lived 50 yards away. She is New tax blow to Labour Zimbabwe's Mugabe makes an honest woman of former secretary be blessed by the Catholic | tary, Grace Marufu, aged 31, | first wife, Sally, died of kid-Church with several African | with Mozambique's President | ney disease in 1992. heads of state in attendance | Joaquim Chissano acting as | In her first interview, Ms David Beresford, Southern Africa Correspondent ney disease in 1992. In her first interview, Ms believes it lost the 1992 elec-tion because of voters' fears Mr Blair with demonic eyes. includes 6,000 guests. best man. Presidents Nelson Mandela of South Africa, Sir Ketumile Masire of Botswana The taciturn president an-nounced his plans at the weekend to do the right thing. A former senior Labour aide, Leo McKinstry, suid on the BBC's Breakfast With Frost programme yesterday that Ms and Sam Nujoma of Namibia

Marufu said it President Mugabe was bestowing on her "the greatest honour". This was all a far cry from the row that erupted last year are expected to be among the guests of honour. when a non-government President Mugabe married Ms Marufu by traditional

newspaper was officially pil-loried for reporting that the

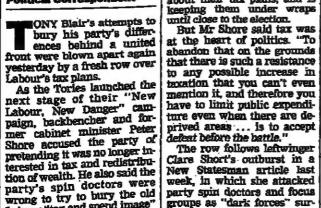
ROBERT Mugabe is allow-ting his long-standing mis-tress out of the sensitive pres-idential shadows, so as to in grand fashion, by the mother of his two children, Short's views were supported marry her. The high-society wedding on Saturday in the Zimbabby rank and file members. He claimed there were "major aged 9 and 7. The 72-year-old Mr Mugabe holes" in Labour policy. ween capital of Harare - to will marry his former secre- rites a few months after his two had married secretly. The party's spokesman, Peter Mandelson, dismissed Mr McKinstry's comments, claiming he left the party a long time ago. On Mr Shore's remarks, he said; "Tony Blair has always described Labour as being committed to creat

This single cheesy gesture, small in itself, may become the defining moment of a once great band's descent into hopeless banality . . . I don't know why it happens but there's something about that woman which neutralises hip.

Charlotte Raven on Liam Gallagher's fiancée

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for fear of frightening voters. need a PENTAX



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defeat before the battle." The row follows leftwinger Clare Short's outburst in a New Statesman article last week, in which she attacked party spin doctors and focus Labour "tax and spend image" groups as "dark forces" surrounding Mr Blair. The Tories moved swiftly to use

Labour was failing to take Labour was failing to take on the Tories on the high ground of politics — which was "very much about tax-ation", he said. The leadership

taken to make that possible. "But simply to equate 'redistribution' with old style tax and spend policies is an approach which has long been rejected by Labour, and

Patsy Kensit went onstage to show off her engagement ring.

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Four others have died in the vicinity over the past few weeks and locals say nearby raves have been creating serious safety problems

Car plunge claims five young lives

eter Hetherington

OAD ACCIDENT in vestigators were last night trying to pin-point the causes of a crash which claimed the lives of five youths in Lincolnshire ariy yesterday.

The youths, aged 14 to 18, were killed when their Montego saloon car plunged off a private road into a water filled dike and overturned at the Coral Beach caravan park, ingoldmills. While trapped in only four

feet of water, one 19-year-old was able to roll down a win-dow and clamber to safety; be alive." but his friends could not

A director of the caravan park said last night that over the past three weeks four other people had died in the area, three in a late-night accident and another youth

after attending a rave. The police arrived within four minutes at the scene, leapt into the water and pulled two youths clear. Fire-the police arrived within four minutes at the scene, pulled two youths clear. Fire-the police arrived within the scene, the scene, the police arrived within the scene, the men and ambulancemen up the banking. He was in a road, not a public road.

dragged the remaining youths | mess. I think he thought he from the car.

could go back in and save them but he couldn't. But long attempts to resuscitate the boys, in one case lasting three hours, were unsuccessful "The lads were crying their eyes out — they were only about 16 — and all they could The police said the victims were from Leicester and staysay was one of them was just 14. He was one of the ones

ing with friends at a caravan park close by. Their identities will be divulged today after relatives have been informed. A senior fire officer, Gary Millison, from Skegness, said: that died." Mrs Savage, from Mansfield Woodhouse, Nottingham-shire, said the caravan site was plagued by teenagers speeding in cars after leaving raves at the nearby Fantasy

"The car had clearly slipped over as it went into the water. You could only see the back wings sticking up. The lad who escaped did not seem too hadly burt and ha is lader to Island. Last night road accident investigators were examining skid marks in an attempt to badly hurt and he is lucky to determine the car's speed.

Isabelle Belton, a director of the Coral Beach park, said later: "We have had serious Pensioner Ivy Savage, Pensioner Ivy Savage, whose caravan overlooks the scene, said she had been woken by a loud hang at around 4.40am. "I looked out and I could see a car on the road with four lads standing by it looking at the water. "They were hysterical problems with youths coming on to the site on a Saturday night when they have been to raves."

Lincolnshire Police spokes man Tony Diggins said: "It is a terrible tragedy and we are trying to find out how it hap-pened. There will be a full coroner's investigation although it was on a private

The Montego lies upside down after plunging into a dike at a caravan park in Lincolnshire trapping five youngsters

IMPORTANT **INFORMATION FOR** ALL ROYAL MAIL CUSTOMERS.

Centenary of first car death marked

Victims' charity calls | mark the centenary of the British motor industry. But RoadPeace, a charity for road traffic victims orfor action as crashes kill 10 people a day, ganising this week's com-memoration, said yester-day that celebrating "100 reports Stuart Millar years of carnage" would be

more appropriate. "Half a million have been A coll, a housewife from don, became the world's first fatal car accident vic-tim 100 years ago this week, the coroner at her in-quest said: "This must never happen again." A century and more than 500,000 road deaths later, bareaved relatives and in-FTER Bridget Dris-

bereaved relatives and in-jured victims will this week bereaved relatives and in-jured victims will this week driver who jumped a red mark the centenary with a light, rejected claims that rally at the spot in Crystal improved driving stan-Palace, south London, dards had led to an all-time dards had led to an all-time low in road deaths. "The where Mrs Driscoll died. Dressed in black and car-trying photographs of lost not contributed. It has loved ones, they will de-mand urgent action to curb crashes, in which 10 people die and 850 are injured more to do with vulnerable groups being too frightened to go near the roads." The organisation is de daily on British roads. Descendants of Mrs Dris-coll, aged 44, will attend the rally. She was going to a folk-dencing display at Crys-tal Palace on Angust 17, 1906 with he data and manding that deaths are in-Waldegrave vestigated more rigorously and an end to the practice of charging motorists in-volved in a fatal crash with "A hundred years on, not "A hundred years on, not a penny of government money is spent on victims. In every other form of trans-port death, there are major investigations. With road deaths, the only comerce is Alegen 1896, with her sister and a friend when she was hit. Witnesses described the car as "coming at a great rate — as fast as a bicycle". returnin i Research the second The two right wheels of The two right wheels of the car, on a demonstration ride for the Anglo-French Motor Car Company, passed over her body. She died two minutes later. Her death happened months after the rule com-pelling a man with a red flag to walk before motor vehicles was abolished. Later this month. Coven-try will host a cavalcade of cars built in the city to Section Barry **Trains still** Police pursue French link in face delays on Watford Plymouth crash line sex murder **Rebocca** Smithers **Geoffrey Gibbs** 0 RAILTRACK engineers who have been working round the clock at the scene of last Thursday's fatal train crash near Watford Junction are hoping to restore "virtu-ally a full service" on the West Coast main line today. But a spokeswoman for Railtrack's Midlands zone warned that passengers will still face delays as both West Coast InterCity and local North London lines trains will face speed restrictions in the accident area. DETECTIVES investigating the rape and murder of a Plymouth teenager have 10 asked to study DNA samples from the killer of Caroline Dickinson, who died on a F school holiday in France. Nicola Parsons, an 18-year-old care assistant, was found strangled in a former nursery school in the Stoke area of the C, city a month ago, nine days before Caroline, aged 13, was murdered in Britanny. (ŋ inment Police in Plymouth have taken DNA samples from will face speed restrictions in the accident area. One woman was killed and 75 people injured in the colli-sion, which took place haif a mile south of Watford Junc-tion on Thursday evening' Al-together 380 people were on the packed 17.04 commuter train from Euston to Milton Keynes when it struck an empty passenger train. taken DNA samples from more than 1,000 men and are considering the mass screen-ing of all males. They have now asked to be allowed to study evidence gathered at the youth hostel in Pleine Fougeres where Caroline shared a dormitory with four friends from Launempty passenger train. Three separate inquiries are being carried out, by Rail-track, the Health & Safety Exwith four friends from Laun-Ceston college, Cornwall The search for her murt a derer was re-opened last week after French police released ecutive and the British Trans-port Police. Patrice Pade, a 39-year-old vagrant who had earlier con-fessed to the crime during in-terrogation. DNA evidence showed he could not have Meanwhile, an investiga-tion was launched yesterday after a train carrying 55 pas-sengers collided with a traccommitted the could not have committed the rape. French investigators have now told the Foreign Office that they wish to re-interview members of the school party. Plymouth detectives say the DNA: request sengers contuent with a trac-tor on a farm crossing on Sat-urday night. Passengers on the Birmingham to Aberyst-wyth train and the tractor driver escaped injury. A British Transport Police spokes-man said the train struck the front of the tractor. "Another Privmouth detectives say the DNA request was a routine part of their inquiries. "This is a port town with a ferry link to France. You can't ignore that sort of thing," said one officer vectoriay few seconds and we could have been dealing with a very serious incident." said one officer yesterday.

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PLANNED NATIONAL STRIKE BY THE COMMUNICATION **WORKERS UNION**

Royal Mail regret to inform you that the CWU are continuing with strike action following the rejection of an agreement reached between their negotiators and Royal Mail. The union's executive has also refused to allow its members to vote on the deal.

The union has called further strikes, and the first two will be on Wednesday August 14th and Thursday August 22nd - each for 24 hours.

- Delivery and collection of letters will vary depending on local circumstances.
- Business customers should ring their normal Royal Mail contact for details.
- Following the strikes, deliveries and collections will resume on Thursday August 15th and on Friday August 23rd.

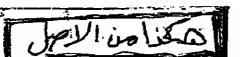
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Multiple births risk complications, Luisa Dillner writes; and (below, right) Vivek Chaudhary charts lives of the parents



Woman could die bearing octuplets

tuses in her pregnancy.

her that not only is it unlikely any of the octuplets will survive but also that multiple births increase the risks of many of the complications of pregnancy.

A recent confidential inquiry into maternal mortality in Britain found that most deaths were due to thrombosis, haemorrhage during or after birth, and eclampsia, a condition in which blood pressure rises and can lead to seizures and coma.

"She has an increased risk of everything," said Nicki Whittaker, obstetrician and gynaecolgist at St Michael's hospital, Bristol, "Not only is she more at risk from the biggest killers in pregnancy, but she will suffer from anaemia, nausea and breathlessness. The mechanical effects of having an abdomen full of eight babies are going to be

enormous Although doctors are reluctant to rule out a miracle, the outcome for octuplets has

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daughters in 1964 after infertility treatment. In 1993 Jean

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anaemia, nausea and breathlessness - Nicki Whittaker, obstetrician

Vince gave birth to five girls and a boy after refusing a selective abortion. Ms Allwood, aged 31, took

infertility drugs, prescribed by her GP, to stimulate egg infertility drugs, prescribed by her GP, to stimulate egg production. They caused super-ovulation: more than the optimal number of eggs (usually fewer than four) was produced and released by the ovaries. Her GP is reported to have warned her not in have

have warned her not to have "If she prematurely went sex, but she ignored that ad into labour, an emergency

caesarian section involving eight babies would be a nightmare," Dr Whittaker said.

Ms Allwood would be highly likely to bleed heavily after the birth. Much of the surface of her womb would be covered by placenta, leaving lots of potentially raw areas to bleed once the afterbirth was removed. Since the womb

You cannot fit eight plant. Doctors often recom 8 lb babies into one mend selective abortion in the case of triplets because abdomen. It's the risk of premature deliv-ery is so high. "Once the uterus gets to a unlikely this

pregnancy could certain size it tends to go into labour," says Tim Mould, obcarry on past stetrician and gynaecolgist at

28 weeks' the Whittington hospital, London. "The risk rises with -Tim Mould, obstetrician and gynaecolgist the number of fetuses you

have. Obviously you cannot fit eight eight-pound babies into one abdomen. It's unwould be abnormally large, it would be floppier than usual likely that this pregnancy could go on past 28 weeks." If Ms Allwood does conafter the birth and unable to contract to its normal size. This would also increase the



risk of heavy bleeding. She might loose some of the octuplets naturally, but this usually happens early in multiple pregnancies, before individual heart beats can be

Pregnancy creates controversy after period of personal trauma for 'independent' minded mother

met her pariner, Paul Hud-son, in March 1992. She was still with her husband, Simon Pugh, whom she married in July 1986, aged 21, and had a son named Charles, when she started a relationship with Mr Hudson.

But it caused a rift with her parents and she has barely spoken to her for-mer husband's relatives since their divorce in 1994. Ms Allwood's father Brian, aged 60, from Balsall Common, Warwickshire, said over the weekend he had not seen his daughter she for nearly three months and only discovered she was pregnant after reading it in the press. After meeting Mr Hudson, Ms Allwood started working for his property

MANDY Allwood, de-scribed by friends and family as "astute and ex-tremely ambitions", first the mother of his two children. "I've always been my own man and needed my own space," he told the

News of the World. For Ms Allwood, news of her pregnancy ends a period of personal turmoil in which she has had a miscarriage and an abortion. She has also had to come to terms with the breakdown of her marriage and her older brother's death.

Towards the end of her marriage in 1993, she had an abortion after doctors said her baby's life was in danger because of the drugs was prescribed following a car crash. Last October, she became preg-nant with Mr Hudson's child but miscarried following complications. The couple insist they will not marry. Mr Hudson has already said he will not be at the birth because he is

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Waldegrave faces new sleaze attack

Alleged smears against Wilson return to haunt Conservatives

Rebecca Smithers and Seumas Milno

HE Tories look set to become embroiled in a new pre-election sleaze row this week when the cabinet minister William Waldegrave faces allegations that he played a key role in the "dirty tricks campaign" against the Labour prime minister Harold Wilson in the 1970s.

Tories who wanted to spread rumours about the then Mr Wilson's private life and MI5inspired stories that he was a **KGB** agent. The veteran spy journalist

Chapman Pincher recalled in his 1978 memoirs that in the In the Channel 4 Secret His-tory documentary, to be screened on Thursday, Mr Pincher names Mr Waldeearly spring of 1974 he learned that the then Tory leader Edward Heath wanted to delay Mr Wilson from calling a snap election fearing the Tories would lose. Wilson had

official, not now in Mrs have known of the approach Thatcher's entourage, who to Mr Pincher and the former told me that the current thinking was that any means programme-makers strongly peared that the Liberal party of discouraging Wilson from

denying the allegations. Mr Waldegrave has not di-rectly denied the allegations. In correspondence with the going to the country in June should be brought into play. "While the leadership still disliked the whole idea of using personal designation, these were desperate times." programme makers, 3BM Television, he says: "My memory of events 22 years ago is very hazy indeed. I kept no diary."

But by way of defence, he adds: "One thing I can say for sure is that Sir Edward Heath grave — who was then Mr Heath's chief of staff — as the would have had nothing to do intermediary. Mr Waldegrave was also a close associate of Lord Roth-schild, who introduced Mr with any proposal to try to damage Harold Wilson by spreading stories about him. "My proof of this is that in

was liable to damage the Con-

servatives in the election." Yesterday Mr Waldegrave was unavailable for comment. Mr Waldegrave faced calls for his resignation after he

Harold Wilson was the target of a series of smear cam-paigns in the 1960s and 1970s, which tried to use his earlier business links with the USSR to brand him a Soviet agent.

Attack on BAA monopoly

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Patrick Donovan City Editor

RIGHTWING think tank A RIGHTWING think tank that claims to represent a group of unnamed airlines and City banks has threatened legal action against a proposal by BAA. was strongly criticised in Sir Richard Scott's inquiry into survived thanks to John Ma-jor's support.

tion lobby group, led by a former Tory Treasury adviser and banker, Rupert Darwall, calls for Britain's airport industry to be thrown open to free-market competition.

charges by its regulator, the Civil Aviation Authority. Controversy about BAA's veillance but declined to go rear-monopoly has been into detail. growing since last year, when it announced a 14 per cent jump in profits to £418 mil-group's claim BAA yesterday denied the allegation, insisting the lobby

group's claims of anti-competitive behaviour were "coman average annual return of plete nonsense".

nearly 17 per cent since BAA — formerly known as the Heathrow airport insisted that BAA was the only com-pany that could finance the huge new terminal. A spokes-man warned that otherwise London would lose business enger shopping is BAA's big-Mr Darwell yesterday as an international "hub" to refused to name his backers. But he claimed BAA was so

European rivals. The lobby group retorted that curbs need to be put on BAA's monopoly. In evidence sent to the regulators, Enlightened Competition said that the airport industry curs only one quarter of the costs involved in the transreview of BAA's airport when he was chancellor, said two thirds of the profits.

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Short honeymoon for Kemp as Republicans meet to bless marriage of convenience



My way . . . Bob Dole (right) makes a point to his newly announced running mate Jack Kemp in the presidential contender's home town. Russell. Kansas

An oddly matched pair of unbelievers

Hartin Walker in San Diego

HE honeymoon for Jack Kemp as Bob Dole's running mate will quickly mutate into concern about "the Odd Couple" when Republicans remember why they have hitherto rejected him as a flamboyant, garrulous and uncontrollable figure.

Mr Kemp is giving a heart racial attitudes underpinning transplant to a Republican platform when he is known to the Republican manifesto disagree, violently, with al-most half of it. pledge to abolish affirmative action for blacks and other

He openly despises the antiminorities. From his footballing days, Mr Kemp has been one of the few Republicans visibly at ease with black people, and he has said his Republican Party "will not be immigration measures Mr Dole supports: from the promise to deny schools, hospitals and other public ser-vices to the children of illegal immigrants to the demand

that those born in the United natural a political home for States should no longer have black voters as the utomatic citizenship.

A passionate free market-"If Jack Kemp can't ... toe the party line on immigra-tion, then I think he ought to eer whose written message to this week's convention urgas step down," the governor of California, Pete Wilson, said restoration of the gold stan-dard. Mr Kemp is openly conyesterday, evidently still temptuous of the anti-freesmarting from the campaign trade plank in the new Mr Kemp launched against the proposed state anti-immi-Republican platform. In all, tax cuts and opposi

tion to abortion apart, there is probably little in the Republican manifesto that Mr Kemp can honestly support. That is only fair. There is nothing in Mr Dole's career to suggest he believes in the 15 per cent tax cuts he now promises. He has never be lieved in tax cuts when the

Mr Kemp, who has called himelf "a bleeding-heart conervative", would be a marvellous orator if he could only stop talking. He has a relentlessly sunny disposition and an endearingly puppyish way of bounding with energy. His very presence is calculated to exhaust the morose and lethargic Mr Dole. He is also volatile. Accord-

ing to one who was present in the Oval Office at the time, he once jumped over the furniture, in the presence of President Bush, to try to get his hands on the then secretary of state, James Baker. There had been an angry argument about Soviet behav-

iour in the Baltic states, and Mr Baker, impatient with Mr people, and he has said his budget is in deficit. That was Mr Baker, impatient with Mr Republican Party "will not be why he used to mock supply-complete" until it becomes as side disciples like Mr Kemp. Ing, invited him to do some-

thing impossible to himself. Furious, and still athletic in ate middle age after his brilliant career as a professional quarterback, Mr Kemp leapt

over a chair or two. Mr Baker beat a hasty retreat. Mr Kemp chased him down the corridor towards the Roosevelt Room

and was about to embrace him warmly by the throat when they were separated by the diminutive Brent Scowcroft, the national security adviser.

The Dole-Kemp strategy sessions promise to be lively. "We think that the Doletime. Kemp arguments inside the Republican ticket may be the most interesting debate that goes on this year," Ann Lewis, President Clinton's deputy campaign manager, said yesterday.

"They have fought like cats and dogs in the past," agreed the former Republican educa-tion secretary, Bill Bennett, a close ally of Mr Kemp.

"But this shows that yes, politically speaking, Bob Dole wants to win this."

Mr Dole's successor as Sen ate majority leader, Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi, told Mr Dole last week that if he picked Jack Kemp he would have to keep reminding him that the constitution only allows one president at a

Mr Dole is 73. He has yet to explain why he has picked to replace him, in the not improbable event of his failing to survive a full term in office, a man he once sug-gested had too often played football without a helmet.

gling to break double fig-

News in brief

Jakarta puts its loyalists on show

ABOUT 50,000 supporters of the Indonesian government, many in paramilitary uniforms, gathered in Jakarta yesterday to blame the Democratic People's Party for recent riots in the Diame the Democratic Feople's rarty for recent riots in the capital, and to thank the army for restoring peace and stability. The city governor, Surjadi Soedirdja, and several senior generals attended the rally. A statement signed by the 65 attending organisations condemned the riots and urged the government and armed forces to "take action against the latent and armed forces to "take action against the loters and masterminders in accordance with the law". The authorities arrested more than 250 people during and after the unrest and the national police chief, Lieutenant General Dibyo Widodo, said on Saturday that more than 100 would be charged with looting, vandalism and assault. Many others are still being held for subversion, which is punishable

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by death. The riots began on July 27 after police stormed the head-quarters of another party, the Indonesian Democratic Party, to expel supporters of its ousted leader, Megawati Sukarno-putri. — John Aglionby, Jakarta.

Hong Kong peace offering

CHINA appears to be offering an olive branch to Hong Kong democrats by hinting that they can join the committee of 400 which will select the person to lead the territory after it reverts to Chinese rule next year. The foreign minister, Qian Quichen, said the committee should include people with different views on the pace of democratisation — a statement seen as a gesture of goodwill

Lan Siu-kai, a member of the Beijing appointed committee preparing for the transition, said: "It seems that China's stance towards them has been relaxed. It is willing to work hand in hand with them for the betterment of Hong Kong." The Democratic Party chairman, Martin Lee, while admitting

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that Mr Qian's remarks represented a more open-minded ap-proach, said it remained to be seen if China was suggesting a dialogue, A Hong Kong political commentator, Andy Ho, said: "China just wants to have as many candidates for the selection. committee as possible. They estimate the number at about 8,000 to 10,000, so it doesn't mean much to have 10-odd democrats among [them]." — Reuter, Hong Kong.

Peru frees the innocent

PERU has released 180 prisoners wrongly jailed on terrorism charges since the beginning of last year, President Alberto Fuji-mori said at the weekend. Mr Fujimori, who has admitted that "mistakes were made" in trying suspected guerrillas, promised to maintain "personal control" over a new government commission to examine the cases of prisoners claiming to be innocent. The justice minister, Carlos Hermoza Moya, said on Saturday that there could be up to 400 Peruvians in jail on unproven terrorism charges. Buman Rights Watch said last week that at least 500 innocents were jailed on terrorism charges, and some local groups put the figure as high as 1,000. Most were convicted by secret courts introduced in 1992 to combat the Shining Path and Tupac Amaru guerrilla organisations. - Reuter, Lima.

Campsite toll reaches 83

THE official death toll from the debuge which wiped out a Spanish Pyreneen campsite last week rose to 83 yesterday as search teams continued to dredge a river and dam for more bodies. Civil Guard sources estimated that at least 30 people were still

missing, according to El Mundo newspaper. The first memorial service for victims was held in Jaca yesterday, attended by the Spanish employment minister, Javier Arenas, and the Catalan president, Jordi Pujol. - Reuter, Biescus.

Hussein seeks brotherly help

KING HUSSEIN of Jordan arrived in Jeddah yesterday for his first meeting with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia since they fell out over Jordan's apparent tilt towards haq during the 1990-91 Gulf crisis. Their agenda includes the Middle East peace process,

Dole camp feigns unity

Martin Walker In San Diego

OB DOLE, the Republi-Can presidential hope-ful, travelled to San Diego yesterday for today's launch of a party convention whose participants are bitterly divided behind the

public relations hype. The stage is being set for a well orchestrated and triumphant endorsement of his can-didacy at Thursday's finale ---an event that party organis-ers hope will be invigorated by Mr Dole's selection at the weekend of Jack Kemp, a former congressman and housing secretary, as his vice-presidential running mate.

Republican leaders are also counting on the retired gen-eral Colin Powell to help heal their bitter divisions as he addresses the convention tonight. But organisers aim to leave nothing to chance: Gen Powell will be one of the only moderates allowed on to the podium.

The governor of Massachu-etts, William Weld, New setts, York's governor, George Pataki, and California's gov-ernor, Pete Wilson — a for-mer mayor of the host city of San Diego — have been bluntiy excluded from the list bluntiy excluded from the list of speakers in a startling act of political censorship by the Dole camp. "I wanted to give a speech "I wanted to give a speech Dole camp. "I wanted to give a speech

about a woman's right to choose [on abortion], and 'big tent' [a reference to the party as a broad church tolerant of yesterday. In a rare boost for the

Republicans, the results of a poll reported by the Washing-ton Post yesterday showed Mr Dole had closed President Bill | war" speech of the kind that Clinton's lead to only 10 gave the last Republican con-points. It was conducted be vention in Houston in 1992 fore the formal announce such a divisive flavour.

ment of Mr Kemp as running mate. These results are not duplicated elsewhere. A Los

gration measure

Mr Kemp despises the

Angeles Times poll, published yesterday, still puts Mr Clin-ton's lead at 20 points. Convention discipline has been stern. Mr Pataki was

told he could give a five-minute speech only if he talked about the tough Republican policies on immigration. The New York governor declined,

because he, too, wanted to talk about the need for toler-Ross Run". ance in the party. Mr Wilson was told he could make a bland "welcoming statement" — but to avoid politics.

"There is no censorship," Insisted Haley Barbour, chairman of the Republican National Committee. "Gover-California — 100 miles north of the Republican fest in San Diego — for a convention of their own, their first. To mark the occasion, the nor Weld is not in the programme because he didn't want to talk about a balanced

footsoldiers of Ross Perot's Reform Party hobnobbed on the deck of the Queen Mary, the British liner now converted into a hotel and budget and taxes. "This is a very open party. We have General Powell

speaking, and you'll see from the welcome he gets that this is a very warm-hearted party. Then we are having the keymoored permanently off Long Beach. A hard-core of Perotistas have retained the angry ennote speech from Susan ergy that stunned the US political establishment Molinari [the moderate New

York congresswoman] and she is pro-choice." four years ago and allowed the idiosyncratic computer Despite the 3 million Republican votes he received

tion, and it is time for Pat Buchanan to sit down, shut up and salute, unless he wants to see Bill Clinton redifferent views], and the future of the party, and they didn't want it," Mr Weld said borough, a congressman who backed Mr Buchanan's pro-

tectionist arguments during the primaries. The Republican Party is Philip Shenon In Washington terrified of Mr Buchanan delivering another "culture ETERANS of the Gulf war are offering the first "culture compelling evidence

Gnost of former glory threatens to sink Perotistas' battleship

Perot is a victim of his own success, writes Jonathan Freedland in Long Beach

"HE fireworks strug- | '92 T-shirt. "There's only | gled valiantly but were upstaged by the colour below. Red-white-and-blue one gay with a big enough brain who can figure our problems out and that's T-shirts and hats, embla-zoned with battle cries, de-Ross Perot," she explained. "He's told us what to do." That was once the unani-mous view in the party. manded "Ross for Boss". A bomber jacket urged "Run But yesterday's convention began a week-long process which will culminate in Still, the crowd ooh-ed and aah-ed at the right moments. This was, after all, a night for celebration. They Valley Forge, Pennsylva-nia, next Sunday, where the presidential candidate had come to Long Beach, will be chosen. And this time there is a contest, with

the former Democratic gov-ernor of Colorado, Richard Lamm, audacious enough to challenge Mr Perot in his own kingdom.

dainful of normal politics, have plunged into the famillar cesspool of internecine warfare. When Mr Lamm showed his face at the Queen Mary he was accosted by irate fans of Mr Perot. They wanted to know how he had the nerve to waltz in and demand the

simply wanted a level play-ing field and that he was being denied that. "Every promise that's been made to me has been broken," he said, more than once. Mr Lamm's supporters The result is not pretty. The Reformers, once so dissay Mr Perot is a proven election loser and that it is

magnate to win 19 million votes, one-fifth of the total. "I was for him then and I lenger, who barely gets a T'm for him now," said Marie Buren, in her Perot meter, muttered that he

time for a professional poli-tician. "Perot has not got the temperament," said Jim Inland, a retired insurance broker. Much has been made of the character problem, es-pecially after the publica-tion this month of two new books in which former as-

Ross Perot: cantured

sociates of Mr Perot de-scribe him as a "kook" and a "wacko". Polls show him strug- nowhere.

ures, and Americans have become irritated by his twangy, homespun wisdom. But the real problem was acknowledged by some yes-terday. "The two [main] parties have taken a lot of our issues, and that's taken a lot of wind out of our thrust," said Leonard Sur-ratt, a California volunteer.

He is right. Mr Perot's movement is a victim of its own success. His call for political one-fifth of the vote in 1992

reform was co-opted by the Republicans' 1994 Contract with America; his protectionist trade policies were championed by Pat Bu-chanan's Republican presidential campaign this year; and his plea to slash the federal deficit was taken up by President Clinton.

With Perotism in the mainstream, there's less need for Mr Perot.

Many of the Perotistas have gone back home to the Republicans or Democrats. The diehards that remain have a personal devotion to Mr Perot, leaving little room for Mr Lamm. This, rather than the

glow of political virgins, was what was visible on board the Queen Mary. Which, after all, is a ship fixed in concrete, going

Gulf syndrome evidence mounts

gon denials. The soldiers and former sol-

diers were all members of the US army's 37th Engineer Batthat United States troops talion. Unlike thousands of were exposed to Iraqi chemi-other US troops claiming to

lectively described as "Gulf war syndrome", they can pin-point the time and place that vicinity of the Kamisiyah they believe they were exposed to chemical weapons: March 4 1991, when they blew lems since the war.

The Pentagon acknowledged this summer that one of the bunkers probably stored shells containing sarin, a deadly nerve agent, and mus-tard gas, a blistering agent that can burn flesh. have had surgery.

Officials of the US defence department say their initial dogs," said Christian Tullius, aged 28, a veteran of the 37th. So far, medical experts review of the medical records of the battalion offers no evidence of an unusual pattern of health problems. The Pentagon has said it still has no clinical evidence that the soldiers were exposed to chemical weapons. But many of the veterans

have cast doubt on the credi-bility of the defence departsay they are sick. In inter- ment. - New York Times.

tension in the Gulf following the bombings in Saudi Arabia. friction between Iran and the United States.

Arab diplomats said the talks were aimed at enlisting Saudi support for a swift resumption of Israeli negotiations with the Palestinians and Syria. The Jordanian information minister, Marwan Mouasher, said: "The visit is of utmost importance. It aims at consolidating brotherly ties between our two countries and [restoring] them to their natural course." - AP, Ammon.

Ethiopia halts incursion

ETHIOPIA said it had ended a two-day military offensive into neighbouring Somalia against Muslim fundamentalists it blames for violence in Ethiopia. The Addis Ababa government said it might take further action against what it called a "multi-national terrorist group" operating from Somalia. The group, Al-Ittibad al-Islami (Islamic Union), said Ethiopian

forces had seized three towns in western Somalia. The Ethiopians withdrew from Belet Hawa and Dolow, and Ittihad fighters regained control of Lugh after heavy fighting.

The incursion was apparently in revenge for recent attacks, including a bomb blast at a hotel in the Ethiopian capital last week and the attempted assassination of a government minister last month. — Reuter, Addis Ababa.

Rabin assassin has fan club



INBAL Bucharis, a member of the Yigal Amir Fan Club, INBAL Bucharis, a member of the Yigal Amir Fan Ciuo, admires the pictures of Yitzhak Rabin's assassin that hang on her bedroom wall. She condemned the murder of the former Israeli prime minister but said she was charmed by Amir. There was uproar this weekend when Israeli television broadcast an interview with three Amir fans who spoke of boung entranced by his smile and of metica to him in tail

being entranced by his smile and of writing to him in jail,

being entranced by his smile and of writing to him in jall, where he is serving a life sentence. After the broadcast, Mr Rabin's widow, Leah, said: "We're witnesses to there being a huge [section of the] public, far greater than we think apparently, that to this day still thinks the murder was an excellent thing to carry out, I'm telling you, Yigal Amir has a community of admirers." Meanwhile, the foreign minister Devid Law, who is locked

Meanwhile, the foreign minister, David Levy, who is locked in a power struggle with the prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, is on a private visit to the United States of unspecified length, his office said yesterday.

Catholics round on Pope

ROMAN Catholic churches in France have been besieged by hundreds of Catholics demanding that their baptisms be can-celled in protest at Pope John Paul II's visit next month, the

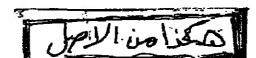
celled in protest at Pope John Paul II's visit next month, the newspaper Libération reports. "This movement is taking on extremely serious proportions," Libération quoted an official of the Paris archdiocese as saying. The Pope's visit, between September 19 and 22, takes him to Brittany. Brittany. The libertarian group Vivre is one group leading the debag-

The libertarian group vivre is one group leading the opposite tism movement. It has called the Pope a "criminal" for comper-ing abortion to genocide, preaching abstinence to fight Aids, and opposing family planning in the Third World. — AP, Paris.

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The movies — and the countless papers that feed off them - have of late taken Miss Austen, that gentle mistress of literary taste and virtue, and turned her into the Joe Esterhas of big frocks. Hampshire's most famous daughter is now famous in a way she could never have understood. Andrew O'Hagan on celebrity mags

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cal weapons, which they say suffer from the ailments col-have begun to ravage their lectively described as "Gulf 150 battalion members in the bodies, after years of Penta-war syndrome", they can pin-vicinity of the Kamietanh

arsenal at the time of the explosion, 27 said they had suffered serious health prob-

up 33 Iraqi bunkers in the Their ailments include aches and fatigue. Many have been hospitalised for unex-plained illnesses, and some

mysterious infections and rashes, serious gastrointesti-nai problems, flerce head-

"We were paratroopers elite troops, in great shape and now we're all sick as

have disagreed about whether the syndrome has a medical basis. However, the accounts given by members of the 37th

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WORLD NEWS 7 Tigers claw back kingdom in east

Tamil rebels striving to recreate their lost stronghold of Jaffna droughtstricken paddy fields on the southern side of the lagoon near the town of Batticaloa mark the eastern-most reaches of the Tamil

Suzanne Goldenberg in Kokkadichcholai finds Sri Lanka's

Tigers' domain. The ruins of three army camps are the only reminders that these lands, on paper at least, are part of Sri Lanka. Government soldiers, con-fined to bunkers at the far end of a rickety bridge, rarely venture here now. It is an-other world, with a set of rules and a rhythm all its own; it even has its own time

ZODe The Tigers - driven out of their stronghold on the Jaffna peninsula, and locked in mortal combat for the last popula-tion centre they control in the north, Kilinochchi - are

clinging to their eastern territories. K. Thurai, the political "We feel they are withdraw-territories." eader for the east and the ing wherever we attack."

As for the fall of Jaffna, that was a "strategic retreat". Alonly Tiger cadre permitted to talk to outsiders, claims the guerrillas now control 80 per though a second disaster may be looming in the north, where the Tigers have been in cent of Batticaloa district. In part, the east is theirs by default. The government a stand-off with government troops since last month, he is moved more than 1,000 troops out of the Batticaloa region undaunted: "If they capture Kilinochchi, we won't stop our attacks. They will still for an offensive in the north, allowing the Tigers to return. Even in the relatively secure town of Batticaloa itself, local fear us and they will lose a lot of lives." For the villagers, most of

people say the streets belong to the rebels after dark. However, in his office in Kokkadichcholai, the Tigers' local administrative headwhom live in desperate pov-erty and have never seen electricity, the change in masters makes little difference. quarters, Thurai does not be-"We can't escape either side - the army or the boys. We can only save our children if lieve the rebels' control of the ast is the government's gift. "They sent a lot of troops to Jaffna peninsula but they are nursery teacher. As other vil-"They sent a lot of troops to

acy in the east, this hinterland of small villages bears little resemblance to the lost king-dom of Jaffna, where the Tiger am of a homeland — Tamil Eelam — began. Nor does it resemble Beirut, the name the

Tigers have given it. For five years, the Tigers ran a virtual mini-state on the peninsula, performing all functions of government. Now they are trying to repli-cate that administration here. Last week, the Tigers set up a police force. Krishna Kumar, formerly police chief in the now fallen peninsular town of Chavakacheri, sits at his deak in him bigo uniform On the

in his blue uniform. On the porch, villagers wait for him to rule on domestic and property disputes. The Tigers already collect

In death, as in life, the people of the Tiger-controlled east follow the beat of a differtaxes — a euphemism for the extortion which the villagers say has made their lives a ent drum. Paintings of fallen misery — and hope to set up comrades, some of whom died ent drum. Paintings of fallen

lagers drew near, she stopped | courts. They also refused to | on Black Tiger suicide mis- | tories," he said. "But in war berself from saying more. Despite the Tigers' suprem- when Sri Lanka went on day- | at the roadside. One such | We're taught to accept both so at the roadside. One such painting adorns the building light saving in June. The pairs of young men where Black Tigers are conone carrying an AK-17 — who speed down the dirt roads on

fined before their final mission. Loudspeakers announce the red Chinese-made motorbike looted from the departing gov

latest deaths, including the times of funerals. Instead of

ernment forces follow a strict watching films or listening to code of honour. Tiger cadres

'We can't escape either side — the

government army or the boys; we can only save our children if they don't join up'

are forbidden to smoke or the radio, they gather for vid-consume fizzy drinks — both eos of the latest battle — a

are seen as corrupting luxupowerful recruitment tool ries. All wear glass necklac mong the young. with white cyanide capsules in case of capture. Thurai says the villagers are ager to see scenes from Mul-

laitivu, the army base overrun by the Tigers last month in their most spectacular victory in 13 years of fighting.

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general election.

But Mr Mandela denied any

attempt had been made to in-terfere in a criminal prosecu-

tion against Mr Kerzner in ex-change for the donation.

The admission follows alle-

gations by a sacked junior

minister, Bantu Holomisa,

that Mr Kerzner donated the

funds to the ANC in an at-

against him dropped. Mr

Kerzner has admitted donat-

ing R2 million to the govern-

ment of Transkei in 1989 to

secure gambling rights. Mr Holomisa, who subse-quently took over leadership

of Transkei, faces expulsion from the ANC at a disciplin-

ary hearing on Wednesday.

He has been charged with bringing the ANC into disre-

pute by accusing a cabinet minister, Stella Sigcau, of tak-

ing a R50,000 cut of the origi-nal "bribe". Mr Holomisa made the alle-

gation during a hearing of the Truth and Reconciliation

Commission, which is inves-tigating political crimes of the

apartheid era. He was later sacked by Mr

Mandela from his post as dep-uty minister of tourism and the environment. Protests by

the commission that this gave the impression Mr Holomisa had been fired for telling the

truth drew an angry response from President Mandela, who

said it was his prerogative to hire or fire members of his

Meanwhile, Mr Mbeki has

government

we accept winning and losing. we don't feel either that deeply." However, the scars of the

defeat at Jaffna are indelible. Apart from the motorbike riders, few men of fighting age are visible in the Kokkadichcholai area - a sign that the Tigers are exhausting their sources of recruits. A few miles away, a village work crew toils in the midday sun, building a roundabout where four dirt tracks meet. Their overseer - who gives his nom de guerre, Hamsa lost his right hand during battles in the north last Octo-ber. Aged 22, he has fought for the past seven years. Despite his injury, he says he will still erve the cause of a Tamil homeland.

'We are dedicated to the country and our movement," he said. "Why should we expect compensation? Losing "It was one of our big vic- | my hand was nothing."

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Turkey fosters Islamic ties

Chris Nuttall In Ankarg

ENIOR Turkish emissaries were in Iran and Traq yesterday burnish ing business and political relations with the two countries in a move that risks a rift with the United States. Turkey's pro-Islamic prime

minister, Necmettin Erbakan will sign a £13 billion natural gas deal in Tehran today which Iran hails as a significant victory against recent US sanctions.

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sen to visit a series of Muslim countries — Iran, Pakistan, Malaysia and Indonesia — in a 10-day tour. He also sent two ministers to Iraq yesterday to discus

the reopening in September of a pipeline from the Kirkuk oil field to the terminal at the Turkish port of Ceyhan. The pipeline will carry most of the \$2 billion-worth of oil the United Nations is allowing

Iraq to sell every six months to pay for humanitarian supplies and Gulf war reparations. Trade was also on the In staging the trip to Iran, agenda of the Iraq visit. This

his first important foreign month, Turkey applied to the visit, Mr Erbakan has put his desire to strengthen ties with UN sanctions committee to be exempted from the Iraqi em-Muslim countries before relabargo, seeking a similar ex emption to that granted Jortions with the US, Turkey's dan. Ankara says it has lost The US president, Bill Clin-\$20 billion through sanctions. ton, approved a bill last Mon-day which would penalise Turkish newspapers reported yesterday that Mr Erbakan was planning a som-mit with the leaders of Iran, companies investing more than \$40 million (£27 million) a year in the oil and gas in-dustries of Iran and Libya, Iraq and Syria on the future of northern Iraq and its mainly Kurdish population. Such a summit would risk a citing the two countries' support for terrorism. The bill's main sponsor mininer rut with W over its exclusion. In Tehran, Turkey's leader Senator Alfonse D'Amato, described Turkey's deal as "pro-vocative" and a "direct discussed security but con-centrated on trade. Turkey challenge to our policy of economically isolating Iran". The US state depariment said: "We have made it very clear to the Turkish governwants to more than double the volume of commerce be tween the two countries, and to buy oil and natural gas. Under the deal, Iran would ment that Iran is a state that build a pipeline to its border, which Turkey would comshould be isolated -- we will watch the development of this relationship very carefully." plete. Turkey's foreign minis-try insists this does not fall foul of the US sanctions, as no Washington has been a State unnerved by Mr Erbakan's partial attempt to fulfil his election promise to realign Turkish companies are in-volved on the Iranian side. "We believe this new era of the secular republic with the rest of the Muslim world. The US sees Turkey as Nato's frontline against Islamic funco-operation with Iran could be a model in the Islamic world for bilateral, regional and international relations," Mr Erbakan said in Tehran. damentalism and Russian Influence in Central Asia. Since coming to office in During the election campaign he proposed an Islamic united June, Mr Erbakan has reaffirmed traditional ties with | nations, common market and the West. But he has now cho- defence organisation.



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Gambling boss

threaten media

MUSLIM leaders yester-day made inflammatory speeches at a rally of about 10,000 supporters of the Cape Town vigilante organisationPeople Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), which lynched an the ruling African National alleged gang leader last A spokesman for the deputy

president, Thabo Mbeki, said Mr Mandela had confirmed that "a contribution" to party funds had been received from the media if it did not "stop he country's casino king, Sol its nonse Kerzner, before the 1994

He said: "We know who controls the media, who pulls the strings, who are the enemies trying to de-stroy Islam."

Pagad's organiser. Farouk Jaffer, warned that if the government failed to respond to their demands, they would "take control". Local criminals have promised to avenge the

a gangster who was set on

fire and shot dead by

with the ANC. "I honestly do

not believe that any serious-minded person would think that I could be bought by a

birthday party to the extent that I would intervene to cor-

rupt the ends of justice," Mr

Mbeki was quoted as saying at the weekend.

The denials come as parlia

ment resumes work this week, with the ANC taking

full responsibility for run-ning the country. F.W. de Klerk's white-led National

Party pulled out of the transi-

tional coalition with the ANC at the end of June - three

years early. • A claim by a Johannesburg taxi driver that three British

tourists had been kidnapped by hijackers was exposed as a

The driver, Peter Manye-

kane, confessed to police that

he had concocted the story to cover up the fact that his i ployer's vehicle had been hi-jacked while he was using it

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FURIOUS row within Asouth Africa's governfavours" intensified at the weekend when President, Nelson Mandela admitted that a gambling boss facing bribery charges had donated 2 million rand (£285,000) to

week, writes David Beres-ford in Johannesburg. One speaker, identified only as "Amir", said the organisation would target

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Pakistan takes revenge on tribe

Phil Goodwin in Islamabed

ARAMILITARY forces in Pakistan yesterday began demolishing the homes of the relatives of five men accused of kidnapping and murdering a tax inspector in an area near the Khyber Pass.

The local governor used an emergency law on col-lective punishment dating from the days of the British empire to set in motion the military operation. Five houses were destroyed and the authorities said the de-molitions would continue

today. Officials were so worried by the possibility of trouble most families in the tribal areas are armed that yesterday's operation took seven hours as each house was secured with hundreds of paramilitaries. The forces were armed with rocket launchers, machineguns and mortars, and backed by five armoured

personnel carriers. The families, who had been forewarned, pleaded with the authorities to halt the demolitions. But they were told to remove their

belongings. One man, Qadar Gul, said he was poor and the house was all he had. He added that it was not his fault that he was related to a suspect.

did not hand over the men, hundreds of small shops would also be demolished. Although the authorities have demolished a few houses in the tribal areas in recent years, this is the biggest operation since 1985. Tribal privileges for hum

dreds of elders have also been cancelled, including their voting rights. Electoral patchwork

A large reward - the equivalent of £18,000 - has been offered for the capture of each suspect, dead or alive.

The Shaluber Qamberk-hal tribe has found itself on the receiving end of the authorities' harsh retaliation after an income tax in-spector, Yunus Abid, was abducted in July. He was found murdered on Friday. Officials say five mem-bers of the tribe, who live in the Khyber agency near the Khyber Pass, were demanding a big ransom for the man.

The government refused to pay and sent an armed expedition looking for him. His body, found in a ditch near one of the tribe's villages, showed signs of

Pakistan normally leaves the north-western tribes to administer punishment themselves under their own laws. But the frequent The assistant political kidnapping of local offi-agent for the area, Akbar cials by the tribes has Khan, said the operation pushed the authorities into would carry on today: a action.

Meanwhile, Mr Burgen has Jacked while he was using it ridiculed Mr Holomisa's sug-gestions that he also took private taxi service. Police money from Mr Kerzner for his 50th birthday party as part of the gambling chief's Manyekane has been charged further 23 houses would be destroyed and, if the tribe Rwandan refugees from camps in Burundi wait at a transit site in Butare, south of Kigali. Rwanda has closed the border, attempts to ingratiate himself | with obstructing justice. except to homeward-bound refugees, as part of the blockade of Burundi's new military rulers photograph christom inson

UN sounds alarm at voter intimidation in Bosnia

Julian Borger in Split

Republica Srpska

Muslim/Croat federation-held

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HE United Nations special human rights in-vestigator for former Yugoslavia added her voice at the weekend to a gathering chorus of complaints about intimidation during voter registration for next month's Bosnian elections. Amid growing evidence that the process is being used

to reinforce a three-way parti-tion of the country, Elisabeth Rehn said: "We have a strong feeling from the complaints we have got that there has been harassment around this registration."

Human rights groups and the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) — which will oversee the elections on September 14 - have already expressed concern that the registration process is being rigged. Serb leaders have been

singled out for using it to help achieve ethnic segregation, but there are signs that Croat authorities are also trying to manipulate the vote to split

Bosnia's already fractured Muslim-Croat federation. Serb, Croat and Muslim being registered.

communities are expected to back nationalist politicians. Where they vote will largely dictate Bosnia's ethnic map. On several occasions recently, the OSCE has accused Bosnian Serb authorities and the Yugoslav govern ment of pressing Serb refu-gees to register in their new constituencies rather than their pre-war homes. Thus they will vote in Republika Stpska — the Serb-run entity within Bosnia — and help reinforce its ethnic purity. Herzegovina, Herzeg-Bosna. Recently, 1,100 Croats have

'It's very sinister: Most Muslim refugees, in contrast, have asked for absentee ballots so they can cast their votes in their pre-wan are moved around constituencies which are now in Republika Srpska. This is in line with the Bosnian govagainst their will to ernment's policy of maintain-

Sarajevo authorities are using

pressure to achieve that. Ed Van Thijn, the OSCE's election monitoring co-ordinator, said last week that Croatia was preventing interna-tional observers from visiting refugee centres where dis-placed Bosnian Croats are

But he said there was evi- | Croat leaders are manipulating registration to block Mus-lim political influence within dence that they were being obliged to vote in Croat ma-jority areas of Herzegovina Herzeg-Bosna. For example, 6,000 Croat refugees have regrather than in the Crost pock-ets spread across Bosnia. Offi-cials of the UN High Commis-sioner for Refugees (UNHCR), said Croats are being encouristered to vote in the town of Spolak — three times the number of Croats who left during the war. Spolak had a Muslim majority in 1991. aged to move from these en-claves to Croatia and the ille-"It's part of the whole game of the division of territories gal separatist state within all over the country and of

displaced persons

ing Bosnia-Herzegovina as a unified, multi-ethnic state. fulfil political aims'

The OSCE says it is too early to determine whether

of Croatia.

"The aim is pretty clear: to clean up the ethnic map and

left the Kiseljak pocket 10 miles west of Sarajevo and headed for southern Bosnia and formerly Serb-held areas

prepare the way for secession from the federation," a UNECR official said

There is also evidence that Zuljana Diary, page

placed persons ... are moved around against their will in order to fulfil all sorts of political aims. I think it's a serious violation of human rights." Haris Silajdzic, a Muslim opposition candidate and former Bosnian prime minister. has threatened to boycott the poll because gerrymandering. Ms Rehn said it might be possible for registration to be repeated in some cases, to

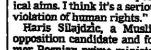
people who are living there," Mr Van Thijn said

"It's very sinister. Dis-

allow voters a free choice on where to cast their ballot, but

the OSCE has not said whether this will be feasible with only four weeks to go

until the elections.



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A deadly fall-out The MoD must come clean

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS about nuclear accidents on British soil in the 1950s have once again been brushed aside by the Ministry of Defence, following yesterday's report in the Observer. This time it can be shown that the MoD is telling whoppers. Last month, it admitted that two Aldermaston scientists had suggested, 35 years ago, that nuclear contamination in the Newbury area was probably caused by a fire in a loaded nuclear bomber — but said the scientists were wrong. The Observer's more detailed evidence, obtained by CND, now shows that the accident - at Greenham Common in August 1957 - was a matter of record and that the nuclear fall-out, in the view of one of the most senior weapons scientists at Aldermaston, betrayed the chemical "signature" of a US bomb. Again, the MoD flatly denies the contents of documents whose authenticity it does not, however, dispute.

Two areas of immense concern are raised by these reports and the equivocal, tight-lipped response to them Three Slips in Whitehall. The first is a straight-forward matter of public health. People who live near Aldermaston and to stop Greenham Common, and those in a similar situation living near other civilian or military sites where nuclear material was used or stored around the country, want to know whether they are safe. The high incidence of leukemia close to the Greenham Common base forms a suspicious "cluster"; it can only be properly investigated if the fullest information on all previous incidents is made available. The Department of Health's own investigation in 1989 was denied access to the evidence - it has now been re-opened. The problem is compounded as former military bases are returned to public use and the risk of exposure is increased, whether to occupiers of new housing or people walking their dogs.

As our news story shows today, the MoD has told a palpable untruth in at least one important aspect of this affair. It has consistently denied that any accident "involving damage" to a nuclear weapon has taken place in the UK. Apart from the Greenham Common accident as reported close to the time by the Aldermaston scientists, we now know of at least one other incident: a 2,000lb nuclear weapon was "accidentally jettisoned" from the bomb-bay of a plane at RAF Wittering in 1959, "severe damage resulted to the weapon upon hitting the hard standing". Severe means severe, not a dent or a scratch, which might allow the MoD to shrug off the incident. The information comes directly from the Operations Record Book of the base commander — in a document declassified, perhaps inadvertently, by the MoD itself and obtained by CND from the Public Records Office. Is it now going to say that the base commander, like the Aldermaston scientists, had made a mistake?

Only a full disclosure of the facts can allay public



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PERHAPS the task force proposed by Labour's Henry McLeish, MP, to inves-

tigate national insurance

OUR report (Watford of people you can pack onto a Sunday week, which you crash belies safety re-train. "Sell the tickets and reported on August 8 with pile 'em high" seems to be the associated tale of unqual-ACK Scarisbrick (Life, death and the total denial of sex, August 10) says that when it comes to sex and conwrong in saying that the train crash last Thursday was "the traception, "The girl has to get kitted out but the boy first railway accident involvwon't." He unwittingly identi-fies a worthier cause than anti-abortion on which Life could exercise their vigorous, ing a passenger fatality for nearly two years." Along with 700 other pas-sengers, I was on the Inter-

nay, intimidatory tactics. Incity 125 which burst into stead of shouting and waving placards outside abortion flames as it approached Maidenhead on its way out of London on September 8 last clinics, telling girls not to use year. Ian Jones, a passenger on that train, was killed as he attempted to leap to safety. In my article on the inci-dent, which you kindly pubcontraception and that "It's a jungle out there", why not tell boys, with equal asperity, to

lished (On track for a tragedy, September 20, 1995). I drew attention to the scandalous level of overcrowding on the "fireball express." It is depressing to have to record that the inquiries into the ac-

cident totally failed to address this safety issue. Readers will be surprised number fraud (August 10) could also look into why 5,000 records of young people approaching their 16th birthto learn that, unlike planes, football stadiums, cinemas and theatres, there is still no days went missing last year, as confirmed to one of my constituents by the Contribu-tions Agency in May. Why were there no back-up statutory limit to the number

or not the train was over-crowded and whether the time has now come to ban standing on trains. It is possible to do this before we have a rail equivalent of the Hillsborough disaster (Prof) Robin Hableton. Associate Dean, Faculty of the Built Environment, University of the West of England.

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ALTHOUGH we cannot yet know the cause of the Watford train crash, concern clearly arises from the context in which it has taken place. For example, we have had the near Clapham-type disaster at Auchengray in Scotland on May 20, the tanker crash in Staffordshire, the near accident last

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the strategy. I hope very much that the inquiries into the Watford ac-cident will consider whether ified track workers, a trainbrake failure north of Watford on July 10, and the known poor condition of the track out of Euston onto the West Coast Line with its severe problems over

signalling. The Clapham inquiry, and most of the major accident inquiries since, have all called for Automatic Train Protec-tion (ATP), as adopted by countries like France and Switzerland. Most of the recent incidents, and this ac-cident, would most likely have been avoided with ATP. Yet this was rejected by the

work, it would be far less than the costs of privatisation. R Sutton.

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Train safety off the rails The spectre of those C1 ... voters returns to haunt us

to the Conservatives in spectacular numbers" in "a very large swing of 5 per cent." These claims are flawed.

Firstly, you treat as reality the pollsters' methodological fiction that the surveys measure how the electorate is changing its voting intentions. Comparing a poll of 1,200 vot-

ers at time T1 with another 1,200 voters at time T2 is not necessarily measuring a change in intentions. No mat-ter how well weighted, comparison of two sample surveys is unlikely to measure actual changes in views; at least not of the magnitude of a few per-

For all we know, the individuals in this latest sample may have had the same preferences last month, or may even have been more disposed to

vote Conservative then. The second flaw is that the figures actually show that at least 4 per cent of the Tories' those. who were "Don't paragraph on the poll on the knows" and supporters of other perties, eg Lib-Dems, in the previous sample. So, even David R Hill.

MARTIN Kettle writes (August 7) that C1 white-collar workers "have switched Before the C1s get typecast as the cavalry coming to rescue the Tories we should remember that white-collar workers have suffered disproportionately from changes in

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technology, employment secu-rity, work organisation and salary structures. The more important question for Labour is whether C1 voters see the party as likely to ameliorate their situation.

LAST Wednesday, you car-ried an ICM poll which said that Labour's lead had fallen from 15 per cent to 12 per cent. One reason given was that the New Labour/New Danger cam-Last Friday, the Daily Tele-graph's Gallup poll showed I abour's lead at 5 per cent

greater than a month ago and proclaimed that the New Danapparent 7 per cent increase ger campaign had flopped. So since July is composed of what do you do? Tack one

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concern. This would require release of all official papers concerned with the alleged 1957 accident. This is (CIL) I supposed to have resulted when a jettisoned wing-tip Chair, tank from one B-47 fell behind another, parked on the Economic Development, ground, which then caught fire. Both planes are said to have been Reflex aircraft - part of the US force which stood loaded and ready to take off around the globe. If the accident did not happen like this, how did it happen? There will undoubtedly be an accident report still in existence. If no nuclear material was released, then how does the MoD explain the contamination recorded by its own scientists, and account for the presence of enriched uranium and lithium? It would also be important to know, as a matter of public accountability, up to which government level this contamination was reported at the time, and what action was or was not authorised by ministers if they were informed. Nearly 40 years on, when there is no possible excuse of national defence, the books should be thrown open.

The second issue arising from this affair concerns the claim of governments to lie when matters of national defence - as they choose to define them - are deemed to be at stake. Successive governments, no doubt on military advice, have adopted a policy of plausible denial whenever it is suggested that Britain's nuclear weapons programme might have been involved in accidents or caused risks of cancer. Thousands of British servicemen were exposed to nuclear weapons tests in the 1950s and 1960s in circumstances suggesting that many were exposed either negligently or as guineapigs. Though declassified papers show full awareness that there could be contamination, the Government continues to fight their claims. The Prime Minister has personally opposed reference of three test cases to the European Commission of Human Rights. Civilian workers at Aldermaston have also faced an uphill struggle.

Asked to consider the genetic effects of nuclear radiation on the British servicemen at the Australian nuclear tests, Prime Minister Anthony Eden commented in a memo dated November 16, 1955, "A pity, but we cannot help it." That could be the epitaph for all those who may in the past have suffered (or may do so in the future) from nuclear accidents which have been kept under wraps. The British tests were an early effort to "punch above our weight" by building our own nuclear programme at a time when the US McMahon Act prevented the sharing of nuclear secrets. By 1957, the year of the Greenham Common accident, Britain had reached "megaton" status - the only country after the US and the Soviet Union to do so - and US officials were said to be "amazed" at British progress. Britain also bought US approval by agreeing to host 60 Thor missiles under a dual-key system. This new status led to the July 1958 agreements on "co-operation on uses of atomic energy for mutual defence purposes." For the first time. Britain would be able to receive information from the US on the design and production of nuclear warheads as well as fissile material. This was the historical starting point which leads via Polaris to Trident today.

Secrecy aside, was it ever conceivable that British ministers would rock the new strategic partnership and ministers would rock the new strategic partnership and _____I will not suggest entertain its coveted special relationship (so recently battered by ______ the authentic genius of the the Suez War) for the sake of a nuclear "footprint" in modern musical stage. As they Berkshire? We may presume that the only nuclear used to say in preparation for accident which would not have been covered-up would the big numbers in pre-war be one too large for even the most determined denial operettas, listen and I will tell operation to conceal successfully. We are also entitled to ask how many other incidents of a deniable nature remain to be exposed. All this will be justified by "national interest", but the argument for Britain becoming a nuclear power was also conducted in secrecy. Greenham Common is not remote history; the safety risk will be with us as long as Britain has nuclear weapons. And how long will that be?

files for such vital informa-tion. And, if it's happened once, just how secure are the DSS computer systems? (Cllr) David Lepper.

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THAT BT is to target the up to be. phones of prostitutes who advertise in call boxes but it's clear from the more than 60 only children we inter-(August 6) brings hope that the company will also target a viewed for our book, Only dubious, but legal, practice which creates a nuisance for Child, as well as from the many who have written to us a majority of the population. Can BT please threaten to cut since, that it is precisely this souabbling and competing for attention which provides off companies that make junk training in emotional interac-tion and skills. Many only chilphone calls? These are far more intrusive than junk mail and existing methods or

stopping them, as recom-mended by Oftel, do not work I hope that the pending stalking legislation may be used, but, in the meantime, can BT use its new-found evangelism for the benefit of the many? Simon Gardner. 18 New Street. Cheddington, Leighton Buzzerd LU7 ORL.

MUTHAS and rappers rested to hear of such a distinctly American-style place-name in that hotbed of hood violence, mainland Orkney, A close look at the ordnance survey map shows the loca-tion of Tongue of Gangsta. (Dr) Alison Sheridan. 11 Jessfield Terrace, Edinburgh.

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UNABLE TO INTERACT WITH OTHERS, I'M GOING TO END UP PERMANENTLY EMBITTERED AG2, August 8) is right to confront the stereotype that only children are spoilt and lonely - they aren't. But she is on less firm ground in say-, BY SIBLING ing that having brothers and RIVALRY sisters is not all it's cracked Squabbling may seem hard, ALL SOL

AN IMMATURE ADULT,

dren realise in adulthood that to have an only child them-they lack these and have to make up for them. "Social ma-turity and emotional immain-turity and emotional immain-turity and emotional immain-turity and emotional immainturity and emotional immain-rity" was how we simplified the only-child condition and, Jill Pitkeathley. interestingly, none of our in-terviewees said they'd choose | London SE7 7RN.

Mr Gummer in a storm over troubled waters

TILLIONS of people go to the Lake District to ap-preciate the natural beauty of essential to hold power-boat | them to before llam and after 5pm, so that the greater part of each day would be pesceful on races, there is no reason why restrictions could not be imposed, as is done on roads on the Isle of Man for the TT the lakes and mountains. I the lake and hills. would guess that few go to en-joy the noise, smell and physi-cal presence of speedboats. J M Milner. races. But it must be asked 83 Gough Way, Cambridge CB3 9LN. whether, in this crowded isle The overruling of the public and with so many competing inquiry by the Environment Secretary (Angry backwash over refusal of lake speed limit, August 8) files in the face of all reasonable assumpheisure interests, speedboats on inland waters are F this decision is made by the Secretary of State for the Environment, what chance for Noel C Taylor. the environment? The Hornet's Nes Jennifer Jewell North Hill, Little Baddow, Chelmsford, Esser CM3 4TB. tions on how the Lake District should be managed. It shows how little the Gov-Princes Road Windermere, Cumbria ALBEIT that I do not agree with skiing and high-moernment really cares for the We regret we canno Awith skiing and high-mo-tored boats, if their uses are to We may edit them: shorter ones environment and for the leisure interests of the general population. If it was deemed be allowed, why not restrict | are more likely to appear.

if it is assumed that there has been a change in intentions, only a 3 per cent reduction in 150 Walworth Road, Labour support can be London SE17 1JT.

A Country Diary

world of Britain's blue butterflies can truly seem a sordid and even brutal place. Take, for example, a species confined to southern England's chalk grasslands, the Adonis Blue, which can sometimes be found clustered together like so many loose, mallow petals on top of a horse turd, to whose juices they are espe-cially partial. Even worse, the Large Blue, the family's most beautiful and rarest member, now known at only a few ecret locations in the West Country, has a macabre sym-biosis with ants. In order to enjoy the sweet "milk" which the butterfly larvae exude, the ants carry them off to their nest, all the better to protect them. In fact, so deep is the ants' craving for this elixir that they allow the cat-erpillars to fatten up on a few ant-grubs whenever hunger dictates. Imagine its human equivalent; the Devon farmer so addicted to Daisy's lusclous cream that he fæds his own children to satisfy his unbovine appetite for flesh. Fortunately, the Chalkhill

TEMPLE EWELL, KENT: The | Blue has a far more wholesome relationship with ants, making only a simple ex-change of body fluids in return for their protection. Not that these subterranean dealings were any concern of ours at this Kent Wildlife Trust reserve just north of Dover. On a hot sunny August afternoon, Chalkhill Blues were present in an extraordinary abundance. As our gaze travelled outwards across the rippling borizon of grasses, knapweed, scabious and restherrow, we computed their numbers firstly in tens, then hundreds and finally thousands. Blues were everywhere, hurtling off in crazy courtship flights or clotted together on the pink cushions of flowering majoram, their wings opening and closing like so many pale, winking eyes. It was a magical, ale-mental world of butterflies and flowers, which has proba-bly renewed itself each summer at this site ever since the neolithic axes first rang out to unveil the feminine contour of its naked slopes. MARK COCKER

How Barbara Cartland sang West Side Story

Pal Joey lovesong which is al-ways described in programme **Rov Hattersley** notes as "bitter-sweet". I smiled condescendingly and said, "Take Him. I won't put a EAD on with respect. For there follows the words of a man who has sung in public for price on him. Take him. He's

VOULS." The master was not satis-Stephen Sondheim. It was not very public and I performed fied. "What", he asked, "about movie executives?" It was not with great reluctance, and only after I had been subject to a request for my opinion on a profession about which, happersuasion that sounded like pily, I know nothing. I was coercion. But I did once amuse being challenged to reveal a greater knowledge of Take Him than the first line. My response was magnificent. Leaning across the coffee cups, I said, as if in confidence, "His thoughts are rarely consecutive. Can't read or write. I know a movie exec-Soudheim and I were sitting utive who's twice as bright." "Very good", said Sondheim, I in the agoraphobic drawing room-cum-foyer of the Savoy Hotel, and I had just asked thought a mite patronisingly.

him why he was so often criti-"Now sing it."

training shoes, were studying maps of Hampton Court. "Sing it?" I asked incredulously. "Sing it", Sondheim repeated, with a menace which made me forget that he had patron-ised me a minute before. So sing it, I did, and Sondheim

congratulated me for proving his point. In proper (spoken) English the stress in that couplet is on the word "twice." When it is grafted onto Richand Rogers's music, the proper emphasis is impossible. "Sloppy," Sondheim told me. Sloppy.

intimidated, I ignored the implication that words are expected to fit music rather than vice versa, and marvelled at both the way in which a composer of genius demands that the libreito exactly matches score and the importance which he places on the nu-

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But what fascinated me about that show, and fasci-nates me still, is the harbecue aphorism which I would be head under his foot. It is not a happy to have engraved on my tombstone — if I had the slightest intention of having one. "Good things get better. Bad get worse. Walt I think J

meant that in reverse." Last week, I watched the BBC broadcast the first Promenade Concert in which Sondheim's music has been inspecial low-brow events incannot tell their Arne from their Elgar and consisted of "Broadway music" -- Gershwin, Rodgers, Weill and the great man himself. Most of the songs were pleasantly sung by an American soprano.

him why he was so often criti-cal of Lorenz Hart, the man I looked round the room, ances of meaning being who had first written the past the absord indoor gazebo clearly conveyed to a percep-words to go with Richard Rod- and the plastic heraldic beast, tive audience. I should not Little Night Music. "The sun one show-stopper. However,

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gers' music. "Do you", he res-ponded, "know Take Him?" Of course I knew Take Him, the and American tourists, in built is too dismissive a word -built is too dismis compliment to the music. It is an insult to the musical.

Sondheim says that the difference between opera and musicals is that operas are played in opera bouses and musicals are staged in theatres. It is a dubious distinction since, to my certain knowledge, Pacific Overtures has been produced in both. So, according to Sondheim's criterion, it changed character when it moved venue. However, I know what he means, Audiences get what they

I expect the words that go with operatic arias to be gibberish. Oratorios are not one show-stopper. However, | ously, so should v.)

Sondheim we usually get it. "Another hundred people just got out of the bus...it's a city of strangers." That lyric from Company comes under the heading "Alone in the dir." If the state of the state o the city." Wordsworth did it better. But the comparison

proves that the best modern lyricists are doing all right. They are doing all right because they regard the words as more than something to hang the notes on.

When I first met Stephen Sondheim more than 10 years ago, I asked him if there was anything about his career which he regretted. He replied, "It's alarming how charming I feel." It was not a comment on his character, but

an apology for making Maria (the West Side Story teenage heroine) sound like Barbara Cartland. "That's something I've regretted for 25 years." If he takes the words so seri-

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F ANY attempt is made to storm the Dalmatian coast this Angust, Nato stands ready. Well, given an hour or so to paddle back to the beach and towel down, it will be ready.

The archipelago of islands and the tapering Peljesac peninsula resemble an armed camp. Next to every sign advertising "Rooms, zummer, chambres" it seem there is a Nato jeep or truck. Most of the holidaying troops are Italian and French, who have the good fortune to patrol the southeastern corner of Boania. nearest the beaches just over the border in Croatia. Nato's occupation of the coastal strip offers an insight into the nature of modern warfare. In these days of push-button conflicts it is permissable for a solder to be overweight to the point of obesity. On Saturday night a group

of Italian officers sat around a dinner table after a full meal of squid, scampi, chips and wine and compared paunches, measuring how many hand-spans it took to circumavigate their girth. It was a self-deprecating and hilarious competition. Zdravko, a local hotelier, laughed loudest. Zdravko wants to know

when Europe's tourists are going to follow the trail blazed by its soldiers. He thinks the civilians are tak-ing caution to absurd limits. "The Serbs never even came as far as Zuljana," he points out.

The tourist trade is deeper ate. If it were not for Nato. the UN and the journalists, it would be Europe's Skeleton Coast. The guest houses have even sent personal letters to former Bosnian Muslim cus-tomers in Sarajevo and Tuzla encouraging them to revisit their former summer haunts. The few Muslims who can afford to, tend to

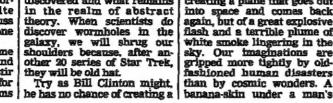
head for Dbrovnik where they feel most at home. Sara jevo was quick to send food pacels when Dbrovnik was under selse in 1991 and **D**brovnik returned the favour a few months later when the Bosnian capital came under attack. The first victim of the Serb onalaught on Sarajevo was a Dbrovnic eiri.

Further up the coast and inland, the chauvinist virus is more prevalent. In Split and Rijeka, more people subscribe to the views of President Franjo Tudjman, who insists that while Bosnian Muslims and Serbs belong in the savage Balkans, Cro-atlans (although they speak the same language and were

A giant step for microbes not men

> Commentary characterises contemporary culture. On the face of it, the first evidence of life beyond earth ought to be some kind of sacred moment in human history. Instead it evokes the kind of feeling that you get when you first visit New York. You have seen it so often in the movies that it doesn't seem like you're really seeing it for the first time at all. We are already so Y TWO sons were talking about Mars. The younger one wanted to know familiar with extra-terres-

trials that we are not very surprised to meet their whether there could be any life there. The older one told Supresent to meet their ancestors. For most of us, ignorant as we are, both the theory and reality of modern science are so distant that they have come to seem indistinguish-able. For a scientist, the difhim that there wasn't now, but there used to be primitive life-forms on the planet when it wasn't so cold and had some rivers. There is nothing ference between life on Mars being possible and being ac-tual is immense. For most of at all odd about this converse tion, of course, except that it happened a good while before the rest of us, it is almost as minute as the micro-fossils. last week's announcement from Nasa. I remembered it last week when I was wonder-ing why the kids seemed so unimpressed by the epoch-making discovery of micro-fossils in the Martian meteor-its. They couldn't evite Imagination and speculation have so far outrun science that we find it hard to remember what has actually been discovered and what remains ite. They couldn't quite understand what all the fuss was about. Didn't everyone know all that already? It was hard not to feel some sympathy for Bill Clinton and Nasa as they tried to stir some sense of awe, only for their wide-eyed enthusiasms they will be old hat.



the awesome achievement of creating a plane that goes out into space and comes back again, but of a great explosive lash and a terrible plume of white smoke lingering in the sky. Our imaginations are gripped more tightly by old-fashioned human disasters than by cosmic wonders. A

to fall into the reality gap that | moment like that of the first moon-landing when the slow caterpillar of human history car and, on a whim, he de-cided to see what would hapseemed to be preasing against the sides of its cocoon, waitpen if he stopped and allowed the dog to catch its quarry. The dog cautionsly ap-proached his back wheel, lifted his leg sprayed the wheel, then turned tail and ing to burst out in unimagin-able colours. In reality, the universe may be expanding but in our imaginations it is contracting. Compared to swaggered off. That, said the man from Nasa, was the es-sence of the moon landings -what it seemed like in the 1960s, outer space has become we had caught the moon, pissed on it and left. mundane, more interesting as a variation on the familiar than as a genuine novelty. The anti-heroic tone of such

Now satellites are just things that rain Oprah and rugby league, Geraldo and beach volleyball, down on our heads

It is striking, for instance, | an analogy captures the mood that the only one of the moon-shots to have been made into of our times. As the last great metaphors of the age of co-lonisation, the moon landings a Hollywood movie is Apollo 13. the one that went wrong belong to an era of imperial For the same reason, most o expansion that is past. Now us, when we hear the words that empires and their works space shuttle" think not of and pomps are gone, the ringing metaphors of conquest, colonisation and manifest destiny have lost their resonance. Last November, instance, the Minor Planet Centre in Cambridge, Massachusetts decided to name

Minor Planet 5029, an asteroid recently discovered somewhere between Mars and Ju-

small step is more rivetting piter, "Ireland". If this had than a giant lesp for man-kind. Our disillusionment with promise of some great national destiny. Now, when-ever I think of Planet Ireland spinning out there in the dark outer space comes from the familiar difference between travelling hopefully and arriving. On one of the BBC pro-I imagine its inhabitants mop i magne ns mnaohants mop-ing around under a rainy August sky, arguing interni-nably about parades. Thirty years ago, satellites wore epic images of advengrammes that marked last year's 25th anniversary of the first moon-landing, an old Nasa hand described a mo-ment of enlightenment that had descended on him when he was driving to work during one of the moonshots. A little dog began to chase his

ture and expansion, evoking both wonder and fear. They seemed either to promise a great leap forward for human ity or to presage the wars that would destroy us all. Ronald Reagan's Star Wars project tried to mobilise both the hopes and the fears for politi-cal purposes, but ended in

things that rain Oprah and rugby league, Geraldo and beach volleyball, down on our

beach volleyball, down on our heads. They produce no won-ders, just the familiar signs of our own ennui. It is as if Co-lumbus, having braved the unknown Atlantic, had reached the farther shore only to find it inhabited by all the people he used to avoid in Seville. In their own way, the mete-oric microbes from Mars are as appropriate as images of as appropriate as images of outer space for the passive 1990s as the pictures of astro-

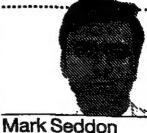
once represented in Parlia-ment by Ramsey MacDonald and then Manny Shinwell, but because of the brave struggle by local people against the cold blast of mar-ket forces which swept its industries away in the 80s, and their current attempts to neurs as the pictures of astro-nauts playing golf on the moon were to the activist 1960s. They arrived hare of their own accord, beamed in from space like satellite teleand their current attempts to find a future with work for vision programmes. We can do no more than watch them in the hope that they might show some signs of life. They are, like Oprah, strangely compaling but nonetheless a discussion to the In the desperate winter of 1985, I joined pickets on the approach road to one of local collieries. Dawdon pit had been solid, but by January the strike had begun to fray at the edges. A handful of strike breakers had decided to run disappointing answer to the riddle of life.

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ing, but the miners were in European Union have pledged their support; Britain and good humour. The hard-nosed France are even planning to had been replaced by a con-tingent from Lincolnshire, and when the push came, offer sircraft and money for the transportation of troops to areas of crisis, and only earlier last month military leadthey almost lost it. Their ers from 24 African countries met to assess progress on mood was not improved by the Geordie miners' lively these plans. Everyone was supportive of efforts to insti-tutionalise conflict-prevendisplay of the Zulu warrior dance from the same film. tion mechanisms. But plan-20,000 population then had ning for military intervention jobs in three local collieries, but there were no Lincolnis a risky business: the Burundian military was shire bobbies around to get prompted into seising power precisely because it believed them into work when they closed. Dawdon shut in 1991, an outside intervention was Vane Tempest and Seaham a year later. imminent

And the truth is that no conflict-prevention centre, however well organised and funded — and Africa has nelther - can ever provide an answer to when is the best time to intervene. This is essentially a political question, and one which all politicians will try to avoid answering

BRITAIN 9 3 **Pitta bread and** postcards in place of pits



F ANY postscript is to be

town of Seaham will rate much of a mention. It should

Not because the town was once represented in Parlia-

the sauntlet, opening the way

for a massive police operation to ensure that the green Coal

Board bus that carried them,

It was a bitterly cold morn-

coppers of the previous day

Four thousand of the town's

Today the road to Dawdon

ends in a flattened expanse of

polluted earth from which nothing grows, except a cou-ple of steel pipes that take

away the methane from the

abandoned shaft. The site has

since been designated an

It was declared by Home

got through.

will amount to is a road to nowhere. Local people have plenty of experience of that.

SOME of the ex-miners now turn out pitte bread at a local factory owned by a Dr Hos-sain Rezaei. With 150 employes, Pride Valley is now the town's biggest employer. Following a fire at his previous factory on the same site, the new one occupies 50,000 square feet on the Seaham Grange Industrial Estate. written on the passing of industrial Britain, it is un-likely that the east-Durham Crange industrial Estate. Local workers claim that Dr Rezaei does not like trade unions and discourages at tempts at recruitment, al-though he says that union membership is a matter for them. A month after the fire, production workers were laid off, and despite Dr Rezael's denials, many claim that that they were forced to take pay cuts when work resumed. Yet Pride Valley has been in receipt of several grants. The DTI has stumped up money from the Selective Regional Assistance scheme, but refuses to reveal how much. After several telephone calls from a local councillor, the DTI dived for cover. "This information is not in the public domain and so cannot be released." And yet the SRA usually coughs up 20 per cent of start-costs for new projects such as these. It is believed by local councillors that Dr Rezaei has also received grants from Durham County Council and British Coal Enterprise. It is unlikely that the former shipyard workers and miners who have set a co operative venture, Trade Union Printing Services, got much in the way of grants. But this Newcastle-based venture provides a ray of hope, a better way of work. The company specialises in printing journals for a number of trade unions, pensioners' organisations and disability groups Poignantly, it also prints beautiful full-colour cards that depict all of the miners' union banners from a county that was built on coal, not

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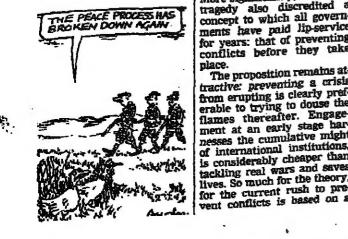
part of the same country) ar culturally and ethnically distinct "Central

Europeans". Judging from his love of extravagant uniforms, his casual suppression of the press, and the crude nation-alism of his rhetoric, Tudjman has in mind the Mitteleuropa of the 1930s. He was in his element last Monday, celebrating the first anniversary of his military victory over Croatia's Serb minority. At the time I was driving through Croet-con-trolled Herzegovins in a disfunctional car, which came to a jerking hait every 20 miles and needed 10 minutes rest before contemplating the next stretch of road. As a result I came to know a string of Bosnian Croat vil-lages, all festooned for the day with Croat flags and insignia. Their sleepy marble-and-glass cafés were all broadcasting Tudjman's speech to policemen, soldiers and farmers.

HAD the eerie sense after a while of being trapped in a Balkan twilight-zone making endless circuits of a scratched LP. Either Tudjman's speech was being con tinually repeated or it was herculean in length, Each time I stopped to cool the en-gine, I could hear him echoing across the parched rocky

in my third village I summoned up the courage to ask the waiter to turn the vol-ume down. He shrugged and disappeared indoors. Five seconds later, the president was bellowing louder than ever. The waiter emerged and told me the price of my coffee --- an invitation to

leave. The car had not fully recovered from its previous 20-mile stint. It shuddered, spat and stalled after a few hundred yards. The road was deserted and virtually melting in the heat. The only sounds were the crickets and the distant rhetoric of President Tudjman, reminding us all that this was the heart of Europe.



Conflict of interest

Can we stop wars before they start? Jonathan Eyal explains the paradox that makes it so difficult for friends and neighbours to intervene in time

T LEAST for the moment, the cri-sis in Burundi has faded from world flicts, Burundi had to explode before anyone would take it attention. Last

seriously. All efforts to prevent crises week, the country's neigh-bours started implementing assume that identifying them early enough is the real task. economic sanctions with the aim of forcing Burundi's mili-Nonsense: the current disas-ter in Burmdi remains one of the most predictable trage-dles. Unlike Rwanda, the in-ternational community because abandoning a state's aim of forcing but indice when tary government to restore the national legislature and lift a ban on political parties. And meanwhile, all other states seem content to keep closely monitored the crisis | central authority too soon can quiet while supposedly awaitin neighbouring Burundi. Only in March this year, for disintegration that everyone

ing further developments. Yet, almost regardless of what ultimately happens, 150,000 of Burundi's citizens have al-All efforts to prevent crises assume that identifying them ready perished, and a further 600,000 have fled their homes. More significantly, Burundi's tragedy also discredited a concept to which all govern-

instance, UN Secretary-Gen- | is seeking to avoid. Again, the |

ments have paid lip-service for years: that of preventing conflicts before they take eral Boutros Boutros-Ghali example of Burundi illustractive: preventing a crisis tractive: preventing a crisis from erupting is clearly pref-erable to trying to douse the flames thereafter. Engage-ment at an early stage har-nesses the cumulative might of international institutions, di's neighbours, have done little else over the last few months but discuss the connof international institutions, is considerably cheaper than tackling real wars and saves lives. So much for the theory. bry's impending disaster. Yet little was done and the confor the current rush to pre inescapable: early awareness cleansing" near Burundi's Peacekeeping in Africa. The vent conflicts is based on a of an impending crisis is pre- second largest city, Gitega. US and the countries of the clusion remains, therefore,

cisely what is not lacking. Today's conflicts are gener-ated by either the break-up of existing states or their desta-country's president, long country's president, long after he was basically irrelebilisation from within by vant. The Africans cannot be means other than outright invasion. Yet all the existing blamed too much for this mistake: the west did the same when it tried to prevent the break-up of Yugoslavia. Those who advocate coninternational security mecha-nisms are still predicated on a world in which governments exercise control over their territory, and where interfer-ence in their internal affairs flict-prevention efforts usu-ally assume that creating spe-

is considered as an exception, rather than the rale. Deciding cific institutions for this purpose is the answer. In the 1990s, the secretaries general of the UN, the Organisation of American States, the Organi-sation of African Unity and the Commonwealth met in when to ignore an existing central authority in order to start dealing with the real protagonists in a crisis is not easy. In practice, governorder to create such a conflict-prevention structure. Nothing much came of these efforts, but almost every

ernmental agencies have reported (or mis-reported) an-other tragedy, only after the region now has a conflict-prevention institution. The **Organisation of African Unity** pressure to "do something" gains wider acceptance. In electoral terms, convincing created a Central Organ for politicians to invest in conflict prevention is like asking a techager to start saving for a pension; the argument may be correct, but the advantages Conflict Prevention, Manage are too hypothetical to seen real at the time. ment and Resolution earlier last year, and it called on its member states to establish As Burundi illustrates, the

problem with all conflict-prevention efforts is that they are not concerned with premilitary units trained, equipped and designated for quick-reaction peacekeeping venting crises as such. operations, to be coordinated by a military staff unit lo-cated at the OAU headquar-Rather, they remain schemes intended to minimise involvement. Democracies are strong when challenged directly, they remain awful at preparters in the Ethiopian capital. Egypt has recently begun training senior African miliing for impending crises.

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in 1995, and the local authoriearly stages of any crisis, an entire array of options would ties, desperate to bring new jobs to the area, scratched continue to exist, from cease-fires, financial assistance, the creation of safety zones, the evacuation of civilians or the introduction of forces. The natural tendency of most governments — as we have se in Burundi - is always to opt for the lowest-possible And, sad as it may be, the very notion of conflict pre-

ible with the nature of most

democracies. Foreign policy issues are usually viewed by electorates as a diversion

from a government's real task of improving economic wealth: they only become im-portant once a crisis becomes acute. No politician has won

votes by claiming to have prevented a conflict which, by definition, never existed be-

cause it was prevented. Leaving such issues to ex-pert mediators — such as Ju-lius Nyerere in the case of

Burundi or Lord Owen in the case of Yugoslavia — may seem a satisfactory compro-mise, but it remains an illu-

sory one. The task of prevent-ing a conflict requires a commitment. But, in order to pledge peacekeeping troops, ald or security guarantees

(invariably the instruments of conflict prevention) gov-

ernments must generate a po-litical consensus at home.

However, conflict-prevention

measures require secret and often incricate negotiations,

exactly what hinders the cre-

sus at an early stage. The idea

that a mediator could negoti-

ate a deal in secret, commit-

ting troops and money for this purpose and expect gov-ernments to deliver without

public debate is fanciful. In

practice, governments can se-cure real commitments only after the media and non-gov-

ation of such a public con

around for the money needed to build a new link-road to the site. The idea is to encourage new high-tech industries to the area. But British Coal, which still owns the land, is seemingly reluctant to sell it on to the development corporation, English Partnerships. Local councillors smell a rat. "Maybe they've heard that vention is simply not compat polluters pay," says one. "Or

"enterprise zone"

leader thought "that she needed a holiday" which immediately vindicated Clare and her original point about unattributable briefings. A little self-indulgent she may have been, but Clare's frustration with "sources close to" is shared by a number of her colleagues. It should be by journalists in the lobby as well. The next time a "source close to" makes some claim or other, they simply have to ask whether this is the view of the Leader himself.

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man. Shortly after the news broke it was reported that a

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maybe they are just hanging on for what they can get." says another. Perhaps all it | Paul Foot is away

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early enough is the real task. This is nonsense

requested the Security Coun-cil to support a rapid-deploy-ment peacekeening for the security rundian military measures Furthermore, the African arrangement, in which 55 per states, and especially Burun- cent of available government posts went to Hutus, and the rest to the Tutsis. Signs that this UN deal was breaking up appeared months ago. when Tutai extremists systemati-cally embarked upon "ethnic for Conflict Management and

10 OBITUARIES

Sir Nevill Mott

Simply searching for answers

for physics in 1977 and Cavendish Professor of Physics at Cambridge, 1954-71. Tall, imposing, perversely unfashionable, and disturbingly penetrating in conversation, he was one of the great theoreticians of our time. He had a memory like a giant computer, and a lifelong belief that gifted young people in Britain specialised too soon and would be much

the behaviour of electrons in crystals and in glassy (amor-phous) substances which nor even a new fundamental bridged the pre-war and postwar eras, opening up a new understanding of the relationship between the structure and the electronic behaviour of materials which underpin such practically important as low-cost solar cells and warm superconducting

films. This work culminated in his Nobel Prize with Profess new notions turned up (and sor Phil Anderson, of the US Bell Laboratories. Mott was delighted with the award, par-ticularly because it was shared with a younger scien-tist who, from 1958, had spent entific background, one that was unusual for a man born

IR NEVILL MOTT, much time at the Cavendish at the turn of the century. who has died aged Laboratory working along. 90, was joint winner side Mott. He was pleased be-science at that time, yet his science at that time, yet his cause he felt that he may have been instrumental in stimu-lating the younger man. This was typical of him: he was always gentle and kind, especially to younger people try-ing to get to grips with a difficult problem. Prize for physics for his dis-covery of the electron; seven of his research assistants went on to win Nobel prizes). No less typically, he ques-tioned whether his part in the

award was truly deserved because, as a scientist shaped by the 1920s and 1930s, he felt in Britain specialised too soon and would be much better prepared by a broader educational base. Physicists know him best through his seminal work on the behaviour of electrons in crystals and nglassy (amor-phone) substances which nor even a new fundamental gifted musician. His father, a graduate of King's College, London, won a scholarship to the Cavendish. After their marriage, his father taught at

Giggleswick and later moved to Liverpool as director of education. Nevill Mott's fondest childparticle. That the award was given for his amazing ability to ask hood memories were of Gigg-leswick. Throughout his life,

deceptively simple yet techni-("Why can we see through glass?") and to plug new ideas into generations of thought in a highly specialised field — as

generally being right) — seemed to him rather unscientific. He came from a strictly sci-

Bragg (Manchester) before he parents met and became en-gaged while they were both working at the Cavendish Laboratory under JJThom-son (winner of the 1906 Nobel took the chair of theoretical physics at Bristol in 1933, when still only 28. From there he produced

stream of highly original work on the properties of met-als, on the stomic-level behav-iour of silver in photographic images, on very low tempera-ture effects and, crucially, on Mott's mother, Lilian Reyn-olds, a mathematician trained transmission phenomena at Newnham under the great Philippa Fawcett, was also a that is, the way tiny struc-

> He had the ability to ask deceptively simple questions and the courage

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se dales remained for him the most welcome face of Engtural changes can tratisform insulating materials into elecland. But he was educated at Clifton College, Bristol, and St John's, Cambridge, where trical conductors, and vice versa.

he carried out his first Military research during the second world war prove more frustrating than useful Europe was the global hub of physics in the 1920s and although Mott escaped some of the red tape and eventually neaded the Woolwich Arsenal theoretical team at Fort Halstead. which, among other round the beights, working in sequence with Niels Bohr things, correctly predicted propriety of rea the range and performance of

tant prediction somehow never reached his junior in years, R V Jones, the head of British scientific intelligence. He also recorded, bitterly

nuclear weapons.

rather than sadly, that imme-diately after the war he was prevented from taking up an invitation to visit the Soviet Union because Cherwell and Churchill thought that, although he had never worked

on the Manhattan Project, he might somehow have posses-sion of secret material. In fact, one of his major concerns after 1945 was the need for international control of This concern was expressed publicly when, as Master of Caius, in 1962, he offered the hall of the college to the Pug-wash organisation and chaired a meeting at which old Russian generals exchanged views with, among others, the young Henry

However, Mott's return to civil research, first at Bristol and then, from 1954, as Cavendish Professor of Physics at meeting with Cambridge, was accompanied by a new sharp focus on the. lectronic properties of materials. Over this period Mott increasingly questioned the earch which exploit the Establish lacked extrinsic virtues.

(Copenhagen), Max Born (Göttingen) and Lawrence Bragg (Manchester) before he tant prediction somehow stantial sector of statesupported academic research to truly long-term industrial needs and possibilities. It needs and possibilities, it seems paradoxical that, worldwide, the only country to put this philosophy into full effect is Japan and that, in Europe, the country which comes closest is Germany. While directing the Caven-dish and also presiding at

dish and also presiding at Caius, Mott had under his command the extraordinary physics and biology team that included Crick and Watson, who were using crystallography to unravel the structure of DNA, it has been suggested that, when this group out-grew the Cavendish size to metamorphose into the Medi-cal Research Council Molecustimulated lar Biology Laboratory (just down the road), Mott was greatly saddened. In reality, he was glad to have the space to house the Laboratory's rapidly expanding work on semi-conducting materials.

An important event of the 1960s was Mott's American Stan Ovshinsky, a natural scientist with no formal training who had produced photo-electric cells from amorphous materi-als and set up a company to and industrial giants on both



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Modest celebration . . . Sir Nevill Mott wondered if he deserved his share in the 1977 Nobel Prize for physics

sides of the Atlantic mocked | in Science (1966), are far worse the idea, but Mott saw possi-bilities. He encouraged Ovthan anything described by C P Snow

In his later years, Mott shinsky, produced new theo-ries and eventually moved from Cambridge, yet, until the last, visited the Cavworldwide research which quickly jus-tifed his decision, the estabendish Laboratory to work and to encourage others to lishment of the Ovonics Insti-tute in the US and a take up new ideas. In 1930 he married Ruth Eleanor Horder, philosopher, archae-ologist and musician. There are two daughters and three burgeoning new technology. This was Mott at his best, a man large enough to stand

astride the controversies of his time and perceive where truth lay. He retired as Mas-ter of Caius and went back into research as an elder grandchildren in whom he delighted. He was knighted in 1962 and made a companion of honour in 1995.

Anthony Tucket statesman, not so much be-

cause of the call of science but because of his contempt for Nevill Francis Mott, physicist, born September 30, 1905; died the trivial politics of college life. These, he wrote in A Life August 6, 1998

Rafael Kubelik



HE CONDUCTOR authorities were urgently Rafael Kubelik, who looking for a candidate to fill has died aged 82, had the fortune to be born with a name that was already famous in the musical world. His father, Jan Kubelik, was a virtuoso violinist of international standing, as well as something of a composer, and Rafael (his sixth child) was brought up in an atmosphere of music, acting as plano accompanist to his father in his early years.

Radio Symphony Orchestra in the gap. Kubelik was offered the post and took up his appointment in October 1955. The company he took over, though it had already showed itself capable of fine work in the right hands, was in need of direction and a sense of purpose, and the warmth and en-thusiasm of Kubelik's personality were of inestimable value in uniting its efforts and bringing it up to a consistent

1961, a position he retained for the pext 18 years. He rapidly built up the Munich orchestra into one of the finest ensembles in Europe, using it as a base to develop his orchestral repertoire, and to tour widely as a guest conductor with other orchestras. Many of his best and most

research under Ralph Fowler,

1930s. As a young scientist

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After studying composition and conducting at the Prague Conservatory, he made his debut, at 20, with the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra and was appointed its regular conductor two years later. He went to Brno as director of its opera house in 1939, but in 1941 returned to the Czech Philharmonic as chief conductor and remained there until

Kubelik was not only an in a production by John Gielgud, triumphantly dragging that vast and intimidating immensely gifted musician; he was an idealist, and above all a man of principle. His years with the celebrated Czech ormasterpiece out of the history books and onto the practical stage. Both these productions chestra, then at the peak of its were sung in English, for it was Kubelik's intention to reputation, were richly rewarding, as 78rpm record-ings of Dvorak and Smetana build a genuine national encan still attest. But with the communist coup in February semble using British singers and in-house talent. This did 1948 he knew his days in his not prevent a malicious attack own country were numbered. Taking advantage of an invitafrom Sir Thomas Beecham on tion to conduct Don Giovann with the Glyndebourne company at Edinburgh that sum-mer, he left Czechoslovakia permanently, vowing never to return under a communist regime.

He worked with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 1949, becoming musical director the following year, but fell foul of the powerful critical establishment, and in 1953 he returned to London, where he had already established a good relationship with the Philhar-monia Orchestra.

His first really powerful impact on London came when he took over a revival of Janacek's Katya Kabanova at Sadler's Wells in 1954. The sensation caused by this blazing performance did not go unnoticed at Covent Garden where, after four years with-out a musical director, the he was appointed principal

and scored a resounding success on the opening night. The following year he intro-duced London to Janacek's Jenufa, and later conducted the first full stage perfor-mance of Berlicz's Les Troyens

ing as he meant to go on, he nies with the Berlin Philhar-sacked Tito Gobbi when he monic in 1963-64; the last four failed to turn up for the Dvorak symphonies with the rehearsals of Otello, with which the first season opened cek, Bartock with the Boston Symphony; and all the Mahler symphonies with his own Bavarian orchestra - still one of the great readings, and one of the most heartish.

He made fewer opera recordings, though there is a Rigoletto with Fischer Dieswife, the soprano Elsie Mori-son, whom he had married 10 kau and a starry Scala cast in 1965, and (more unusually) years earlier. His appointment Weber's Oberon in 1972. There is also a fine Meistersinger with the Bavarian orchestra made for Bavarian Radio in ended in 1979, but he continued to appear as a much-loved guest all over Europe until his 1967, for which rehearsals went so smoothly that the retirement in 1985. whole opera was recorded in There was only one thing which could have brought him out of retirement, and in only four days out of the sever allotted; characteristically, chorus and soloists were 1989 it did. The end of the communist regime in Czechogiven a day off, returning on

His intention was to build a genuine national ensemble at Covent Garden, yet still Sir Thomas Beecham attacked the appointment of 'another foreigner'

the appointment of "another foreigner" to this important position, and the new director was deeply hurt. Poulenc's Les lik's qualities.

Dialogues des Carmélites had its first British performance in 1958, but that year Kube-In 1973 he was appointed the first musical director of the Metropolitan Opera, New York, but after conducting the first production there of Les lik's contract ran out and he The period that followed was filled with concert appear-Troyens he resigned and returned to his orchestra in ances and recordings with the Munich, with which he had Vienna Philharmonic, the Iswisely kept his connection. Also in 1973, he took Swiss

rael Philharmonic, the Royal Philharmonic, but no perma-nent post materialised until nationality, having moved to Switzerland from London with his Australian second

slovakia released him from a yow that he had kept for 41 years, and on the day of the first free elections Kubelik returned to Prague to conduct the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra. In spite of acute pain the suffered from rheumatoid ar-thritis), he gave two complete performances of Smetana's Ma viast: the orchestra was enormous, because every player on the staff insisted on taking part, and even then the orchestras at Brno and Brati-slava complained of being left

out and a third performance had to be given in the open air. And there was a charac-teristic touch: when he discovered that students of the Prague Conservatory could not afford tickets he invited them all to attend the orchestral rehearsal.

flage for dictatorship. Kubelik's career and per-

Guiding principle . . . spontaneity was always one of Rafel Kubelik's qualities sonality as a performing musi-cian have inevitably obscured What was interesting about | stage of his career was emothat period at Covent Garden his own work as a composer, was that he entered it with which was considerable: five enthusiasm and panache but with very little previous expe-rience of the kind of job it was operas, two symphonies (one of them choral), concertos for

violin and cello, three requiems, string quartets, songs and other chamber music But it is for his warm, - a couple of war-time years with the title of music director at Brno and that was all. Of course, he was not withhuman personality and his out operatic experience, but as conductor of individual compelling performances of the great romantic repertory works, not as head of an organisation. I don't think that he will be chiefly remembered, both of which are pre-served in the legacy of his that bothered any of us much, though I suppose it could have. David Webster, as gen-eral administrator, may from time to time have had his misgivings, but he never let on, and I never felt that it worried Rafael either. Maybe he dissembled better than 1 Lord Harawood writes: To know Rafael Kubelik as a colleague was to have the meanhe dissembled better than a understood, but dissembling was not his way. Subflety he was not short of, but gulle seemed foreign to his ing of that term redefined. I worked with him at Covent

Garden during his three-year period as music director, and it was not long before we all discovered that he was a man who believed in consensus, in temperament. His qualities as performer echoed those of his personalworking as a team, who wanted to hear his colleagues' ity, and generosity is the word I would use to describe his wanted to hear his colleagues' opinions, who liked to take decisions but believed they conducting. With him, sound was rich and sometimes envelwere ineffective without other people positively behind them. oping, climaxes hit the eno-tional solar plexus, little was held back, music above all He was the least awkward of men, and with him discussion gave to its audience. Rafael was stimulating, not a camou was a team man, but his conducting of much music at that

Fleetwood was in charge of the women's fashion side of

Hardy Amies for more than 20 years, having been made de-signer director in 1974. It is a

tionally-based, as full of instinct as of reason. That did not prevent an intellectual ap-

came to know about the music director was that he was at national treasure.

proach to The Magic Flute in the bicentenary year which yielded much rich detail as well as a special sound for Papageno's bells. . One of the things most of us

heart very much a Czech, and to be cut off from his native land was an agonising depri-vation — he brought nothing out with him but his clothes and his father's Stradivarius (his first wife was a violinist). But the Czech authorities, in their pusilantmous way, pro-claimed that he had stolen a

E DIDN'T talk about his inner unhappiness, but you could sense it, and all doubt disappeared whenever he referred to anything Czech. Of course, it came out in his music-making and no other

conductor in my experience has brought such lilt and melancholy to the instrumental passage in the middle of Marenka and Jenik's initial duet. When he first rehearsed The Bartered Bride with the orPHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN ARGLES

chestra, he tantalised them by keeping the overture, which of course they knew, to the end of the session, bursting it on them with 10 minutes left so that they departed in a mood of exhibitration. It was good psychology, but, I suspect, also satisfied a primordial yearning.

His refusal at the end of three years at Covent Garden to renew his contract saddened his colleagues and was. I always felt, something of a muddle, or at least a misunderstanding. The invitation had come too late to be acceptable - it was not couched in generous enough terms and it was not for long enough we were never sure why he turned it down and more than me of us tried, unsuccess-

fully, to get him to change his mind. He was not what you would call a naturally decisive man but once a decision was taken he could seem obstinate. Many of us who worked with him had become friends

and we knew we would not replace that warmth of per-sonality, that instinctive generosity which informed his every action.

Rafael Jeronym Kubelik, con-ductor, born June 29, 1914; died August 11, 1996



did not renew it.

Kenneth Fleetwood Shining in the shade

St Martin's connection and kept it alive for many years by returning there to lecture.) After a brief stint working on a fashion designer who shunned publicity. In fact, although he was designer direc-tor at Hardy Amies, the Royal ballet productions with Lou-don Sainthill, he went to Amies in 1952 to work as an dressmaker, he managed to keep such a low profile that illustrator and sketcher. As Amies himself said, "Ken has he was unknown to many people in the fashion world, a always drawn divinely. I altuation which pleased him never could." After National immensely. Ken Fleetwood was born in Service, in the Royal Signals, Fleetwood returned to Amies, Wigan into what his friend, and never worked anywhere

Hardy Amles, once called a else. "sturdy" Lancashire back-He and Amies were not just ground. Educated at Wigan partners and colleagues, they Grammar School, he went from there in 1948 to St Marwere - despite being very different personalities - good Ken Fleetwood ... master of the dressmaking artcamera PRESS tin's School of Art, where his friends who perfectly compli-

EN Fleetwood, who | fluent hand made him a star. | mented each other's skills has died of respira-fory failure, aged 65, | St Martin's connection and | the social life, Ken did not Hardy was a tailor, Ken's ability lay in what the French call Flou, which is the art of dressmaking - and his romantic wedding dresses and ball gowns soon became a backbone of the firm. Ken and Hardy were a true

many recordings.

Michael Rose

team. In the volatile world of list of customers reads like fashion, where friendships the distaff side of Burke's snap and jealousy over-Petrage. shadows generosity, they worked hand in glove for years. Those outside thought

that they detected in Fleetwood a man living in the shadows of another man's personality, but those in the years produced the sketches know were aware that this from which Her Majesty

job requiring not just high design akills but understand-ing, discipline and the ability to encourage and enthuse. Although no visionary trailhlazer, Fleetwood, along with Amies, was probably the only man left in London who understood the art of dressmaking at courtier level for actual customers. This he did with outstanding success. His

> And, of course, he designed the Queen's clothes for years — a difficult job requiring tact and foresight as well as taste and imagination. Since 1989, Pleetwood, who had for

Order, an award to those who have served her personally. Ken Fleetwood had a highly though never a major figure, he was professional in every. thing he did. His lasting contribution to

the firm of Hardy Amies was the stability and continuity he encouraged by his selfless anonymity - reward enough for a man who eschewed the hype.

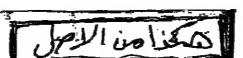
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Kenneth Fleetwood, fashion born November designer, 1930: died August 9, 1996

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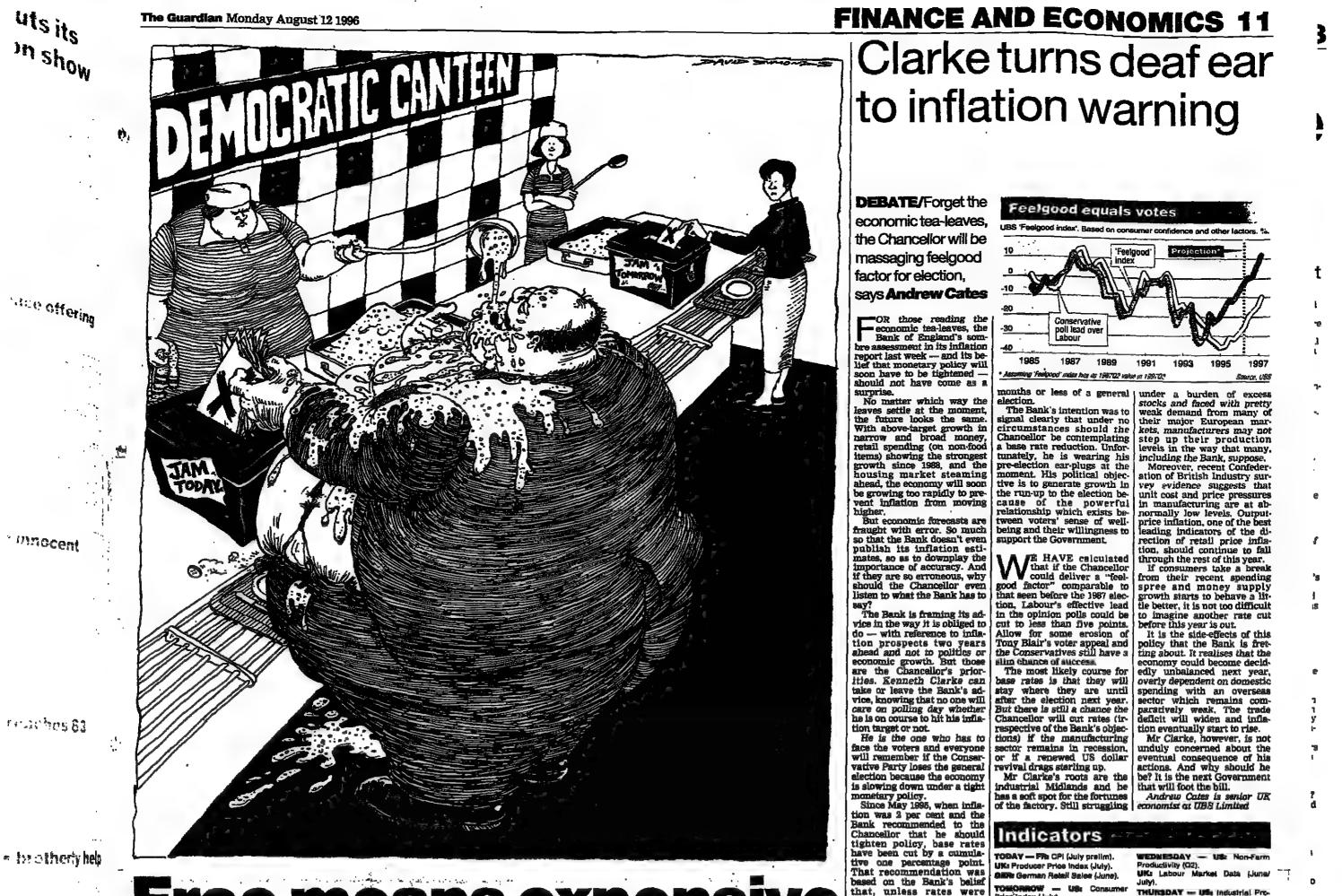
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Graham Zellick, principal, Queen Mary and College, 48. Westfield



was far from the case. Ken preferred the shade because it enabled his talent to flourish. Fleetwood was in charge of tings. As Hardy wrote: "It gave me immense pleasure and pride to be able to introduce my protege." this year, the Queen ac-knowledged Fleetwood's con-tribution by appointing him a member of the Victorian

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of East Ger-many tore down the Ber-im Wall seven years ago, a new global truth eemed to have been established: democracy and economic prosperity are two sides of the same coin.

HEN the people

Sure, the demonstrators who washed away the com-munist regimes of eastern Europe wanted democracy. But they wanted it, at least it economies were also democracies. If you wanted burgers, you got ballot boxes.

But this year, virtually un-noticed, nations west of the old wall have been ditching this apparently cast-iron rule. Last week, Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Belgian prime minister, assumed executive power to raise taxes, cut benefits and set wage levels without prior consultation.

The reason for the emergency measures is that Bel-gium is way outside the Maastricht criteria for joining a single currency - and des- mocracy - more frequent

perately wants to be in the club. Even those who warned that the EMU project would erode national democratic good thing. rights cannot have imagined such an early reverse.

this is so. First, voters don't know what is good for them. They want to feel good now, not tomorrow. Even if at some In the spring, the Italians ---who also want to be in the European core — held elections in which the propor-tional element was diluted. The resulting Olive Tree Allievel we know a recession is necessary, we would rather put it off. And because politiance is enforcing collective cabinet responsibility for the clans know this, the economy is run in line with our short-

first time in living memory. Last week saw monthly Italian inflation fall for the first time in quarter of a century. A new truth is emerging too much democracy makes for bad economics. Understandably, politicians and economists are reluctant to

come clean about this. In the western political lexicon, motherhood and apple pie rank way below democracy. But there is mounting evidence that political freedoms part, because they hoped Big Macs, denim and Nike train-ers would follow in its wake. The world's most successful of Economic Growth*, Harvard economist Robert Barro concludes that economic growth rates are negatively associated, albeit weakly,

with greater democracy. Surveying 100 countries be-tween 1960 and 1990, he shows that while economic freedoms - free markets, rule of law, strong property rights and limited corruption - are powerful determinants of growth rates, political free-doms appear to have the oppo-

site effect. Although some democracy is better than none, lots of de-

horrors of late-1980s Lon-

don (smashed beer glasses, fast-food detritus, manic

issues — is worse than some. fouled up. We can do this to You can have too much of a politicians who decide monetary policy. We can't do it to There are two reasons why unelected central bankers. Independent central banks are ss democratic. QED.

The real point that propo-nents of central bank independence make is that the loss of some democracy is worth it. because of the improvement in economic prospecis. There is no shame in mak-

ing this choice, so long as it is clear and not befuiddled by arterm, greedy wishes. This is the argument that underpins calls for indepenguments about different shapes of democracy. People lent central banks. Because politicians will be under prescan choose to give up some of sure to deliver short-run their democratic power in ex-growth, they neglect inflation change for something else.

Most voters would almost certainly go for faster growth, not more democracy

and rising inflation puts | The Bundesbank, probably st accountable centra the le the brakes on longer-term exhank in the world, is wholepansion. Of course, those who want heartedly supported by a popto take monetary policy out of the hands of elected politi-cians never dare to frame their arguments like this. ulation among whom the scars of pre-war hyper-infla-

tion still run deep. Too much democracy al-Professor William Keech, whose latest book** was a prelows the voter to mess things up. But there is second reason why Barro found a perverse relationship between democcursor to Barro's rese supports independence for central banks. He denies his racy and growth: purer forms stance is undemocratic. "De-mocracy covers a wide conof democracy allow politi-cians to mess things up. stellation of forms, in which electorates play a meaningful tional structures which dis-

role," he says. This is hokum. Democracy perse power between legisla-tures, between central, local does take many forms. But the starting point of any defi-nition is the capacity of a uniand regional government, and between parties have a poor economic record, the versal electorate to throw out

votes, at more levels, on more |/those they believe to have | Keech suggests. Hence Italy's | the Bank's advice last year, retreat from pure proportion-ality, and Belgium's U-turn.

ugh, unpopular decisions lest w are harder to make when the support of a number of players eeded. As Prof Keech says: "It is impossible, by defini-tion, for lots of people to bite a bullet at the same time." By contrast, the "Westmin-ster" style of democracy -

with first-past-the-post elections and strong central exec utive control, seems to be associated with a better longrun economic performance. One reason the UK probably doesn't need an independent central bank is that it is a less democratic country in the first place — the insulation is

built into the system. The implications for British politics are painfully clear. There is an empirically proven trade-off between democracy and prosperity in in-dustrialised countries. And, given the choice, most voters would almost certainly go for faster growth, not a bit more democracy Tony Blair has already

watered down some of Labour's plans for devolution - and looks to be cooling towards PR. If he is serious about shifting the economy on to a high-skill, high-investment path, this is a good sign. He will have to keep the levers of power within his own reach - even if that goes against his democratic in-

stincts. Labour is into tough choices: here is a beauty. * Kluwer Academic Publishers, 101 Philip Drive, MA 01061, US ** Economic Politics, CUP.

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flation is now at 2.8 per cent, Orders (Ju it is expected to drift lower in UK: Retail coming months. The Chancel-lor took a gamble by rejecting Tou and won. Despite its chest-puffing in Australia 1. ek's inflation report, the Bank does not seriously Austria 15. expect Mr Clarke to raise in-Beigium 45. terest rates. It knows there has not been a Chancellor in Cvorue 0.6915 India 55.39 more than 30 years who has raised base rates within six months of a general election. In fact, the base rate has typi-cally been cut within two Finiand 6.87

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construction activity) and F A MAN lives long the plea: "Cancel my ticket enough, declares Martin Sheen in Wall Street, he ers to see just about every-about five years in fact, but gets to see just about every-thing. How true, how very it has happened. The altra-reliable Soho Pub Dispersal true, and "everything" can even include one or two of his own predictions turn-

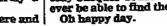
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live in attics nor frequent bogus bistros. Suitably ensconced, we can enjoy the only comfort available, namely the certain knowledge that, hours after the next election, a salvo of heat-seeking interest-rate torpedoes is going to put half these Americanstyle sports bars, Internet

porn suppliers and family-friendly kiddle-kit pubs so deeply under water that only Jacques Constean will ever be able to find them.



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12 SPORT NEWS/TEST MATCH/KEAT The Guardian Monday August 12 inc. Forget the pussyfooting, Twickenham. Jump off the merry-go-round and star on the world stage. Just do it

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Frank Keating

JST do it, Twickenham. England should stick to its resolve and dispel at once all guilty second thoughts about doing the de-cent thing by Ireland, Scotland and Wales. British rugby crucially needs one challeng-ingly strong and consistent inin the world

ternational rugby side on the world stage and it is not going to come from those wearing

So the Rugby Football Union should immediately put a stop to any placatory pussyfooting, close its ears to the bluff-calling squeals of Celtic neighbours and announce, with bold finality this week, that the Five Nations' Cham-

pionship will henceforth be played by Four. There are bigger fish to fry for England and they should leap to the pithy sports goods' advertising exhortation — Just do it; if, that is, Twickenham wants its international team to compete with the best

Quite simply, television deal or no television deal, England will banish themselves to the sparring-partners' make-weight second division if they continue to structure their

annual-and-forever fixture list around a domestic back yard tournament, however ancient, folksy and full of fraternal fun it may be Amen, and alas, to all that.

This is the real world and the idea that this is an argument about TV rights is a smokecreen. Nor is it about honou and promises, as the desperat short-term Celtic prattlers oretend.

It is about awe-inspiring ards in international rughy football, as illustrated ith such resplendent ende

ours in attack and defence by the XVs of South Africa and New Zealand a few miles around the coast from the Cape of Good Hope on

Saturday. In less than an hour and a half there was displayed at Newlands more skill, more daring, more technical and tactical awareness and full-pelt athletic intensity than the Five Nations has managed so far in this whole decade put together. It was a match played, too, on a quagmired European winter" surface and by two, apparently, over-tired teams who have over-

often squared up to each othe these past 12 months. As potentially the most erful rugby nation on the

planet — in terms of clubs and numbers to pick from — England owe it to themselves. their players, their supporters and, sure, to Britain itself, to get in on the act, and fast. Twickenham's energies

this morning should be deployed not in sweet-talking and soft-soaping (and backstabbing) its keen enough but minor-league neighbours about domestic television but in ensuring that 15 men in white shirts muscle in on next year's Tri-Nations' jamboree n New Zealand, Ans tralia and South Africa. Let

them make it a party for four -- or, come to that, five --nations for, once England make the leap, the French will not be far behind.

And, hey presto, global rugby will still have its Five lations' Championship; but a far more valid and globally England will, it goes with-

out saying, have to suffer — probably until the end of the century — sharing the wooder spoon with France as Europe play catch-up on standards. But it should not take them too long; just think, before Sat urday, South Africa's last defeat on home soil had been comparative acons ago, laid to waste by England, Tim Rodber and Rob Andrew in Pretoria in June 1994.

Nor need that endearing anduring and warming social confraternity of olde-tyme British rugby winters he alto

sether lost. Once they have stopped yapping and looked the new realities and the facts of life square in the eye, it would be in their interests (and, certainly, their treasur ers') for the Irish. Scots and

Welsh to invite England odd tune-up friendly fixture. So all Britons could still, for nerry memories' sakes, twirl their winter scarves around

them, brim fill the happy hip flask and dance a jolly weekend jig up for the match to Lansdowne Road or Murray. field or the old Arms Park,

But that is just for fun and the old friends and the crack The serious British rugby follower will be twirling scarves at Heathrow, to the clink of

the duty-free, preparing to make not a weekend but a month of it, watching England in the Five Nations' World Championship in, say, Dur-ban or Sydney or windy Wellington.

Twickenham should come clean forthwith and state, without equivocation and once and for all, that this has been their strategic scenario all along. Their players, shamefully

pillared to post all year, want to know they are heading for the big league. So do their sponsors — aye, and their sup porters as well.

C'mon, Twickenham, stop wringing your hands over do-mestic television. Go for the world. Just do it.

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England v Pakistan: Second Test, fourth day Knight's century takes the honours

Mike Selvey sees

a maiden century edge England in front at Headingley

RACE problem manifested itself on the Western Terrace vesterday ening. Happily it was nothing malevolent: merely an inability to peer through the Headingley rain and see the dates of forthcoming meetings at Thirak and Pontefract, which were being projected on the electronic scoreboard as puddles formed on the sodden outfield.

Saced Anwar and Shadab Khabir only had time to walk to the middle to open the Pakistan second innings shortly after 5pm before the umpires offered them the light. They accepted and the daluga followed. All of which was a pity, for

although the Test is heading for a predictable draw, the weather had deprived the crowd of what might have been a compelling final ses sion of play. Given England's start to this match, it was a



pleasant surprise and a trib-ute to their tenacity to find that after four days it was they and not Pakistan who had taken the upper hand. On Saturday England had

cruised past the follow-on mark and, thanks to Alec Stewart's wonderfully cathar-tic century and fifties from John Crawley and Nick Knight, reached 373 for five by stumps.

Yesterday, after a start de-layed almost until lunch, Pakistan's lead was soon wiped out and by the time Dominic Cork was athletically caught at long leg by young Shadab, they had a lead of 53 after reaching 501, which is 45 short of their highest total on this ground and only the fifth

time they had passed 500. So much for a dodgy pitch. Central to the piece was Nick Knight, who shrugged off losing his opening slot to Stewart and instead made his maiden Test century at No. 6 — the first hundred by a Warwickshire player since Dennis Amiss in Delhi 20

Years ago. Knight, 51 not out over-night, batted with skill and confidence although he eventually drove Waqar Younis head-high to mid-off, but not before he had spent 4% hours at the crease to make 113 from 176 balls. If he had suffered any nerves beforehand they did not show as he cut and down his may into the nine drove his way into the nine-ties before throttling back to his hundred.

When he rocked back and pulled Wasim Akram thunderously to the old pavilion for his 15th and penulti-mate boundary, he swatted the air vigorously with his bat. The applause was gener-ous, not least from Raymond Illingworth, who having had the hump over suggestions that he had ignored Stewart's century the previous morning, did an impression of a kid at an Oasis concert by standing on a chair and clap-ping until his hands almost fell off

In True Blue, his marvellous book about the Oxford Boat race mutiny, Dan Topolski tells how he trans-formed a sluggish crew into one that made the boat sing by making a couple of subtle positional changes, and it is possible that by accident Eng-land, too, have stumbled on a working combination.

For this, finally, has been a team batting performance, with Knight's innings setting the seal. Luck has undoubtedly played its part, with Stewart regaining his place through injuries to Knight and Nasser Hussain and a bad decision in the first innings at Lord's that perhaps deprived Knight of a high score that would have confirmed his right to open. There has been

Look back in amazement ... the England all-rounder Chris Lewis is baffled, beaten and bowled for nine during Mushtan Ahmed's marathen bowling stint at Headingley yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: MICHAEL STEELE

excess of 50.

vibrancy, and significantly the total was reached with little contribution from Mike Atherton. Just as Hussain's centuries

this summer have revamped the position at first wicket sition, and I hadn't batted sition, and a man t cance there since my early days at Essex. I was picked to play a role and I had to get on with it." He knows, however, that his success has probably put Crawley's career on the back-burber's care norms for the down, so Knight has restored some prestige at No. 6. Includ-ing the Warwickshire batsman, England have tried 19 players there - three wicket keepers, three all-rounders and 13 batsmen — since Ian Botham's last Test, at Lord's in 1992, With only four bunburner once more, for the chances are that only five specialist batsmen will be needed at The Oval in 10 days' dreds and nine half-centuries time. It would be tough on Crawfrom 78 innings, it has brought scant success. brought scant succe ley, who, having suffered the

Collectively they average 25, and while the specialists alone move that to 27, a hun return to the side. dred has long been overdue.

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reap a terrible revenge.

Enight was philosophical about his success. "I didn't let the debate about the opening position affect me," he said. "Although six was not my po-Beware Waqar's sting in the tail

David Hopps says the Bradman of pace bowlers will bounce back at The Oval

MID the ballyhoo before the Heading-ley Test about the bowling threat of Wagar Younis, Michael Atherton sought to keep the matter in perspective "Tve heard it all before." slings and arrows of the past said England's captain. "He year with some fortitude, has seems to have more deliveries than Shane Warne." Allied to his remarkable played confidently on his

But true competition for ability as a leg-spinner, Warne has always recog-nised the advantages of deplaces is healthy, and, as Knight says, there should be no easy ride in Test cricket. veloping a certain mystique Batting over the past few days has been closer to it than by hinting at prototype de-liveries that are about to most, however, with the pitch getting slower and less resenter full production and Other present-day idols, turning every Test wicket into the script for a Hollyponsive as the match has wood movie.

None of Pakistan's bowlers Waqar, as befitting an will look back on the match with any great fondness, suf-fering just as England's had out-and-out fast bowler. does not need to emulate the Australian by shroudon the first two days. Wasim, Wagar and Mushtag Ahmed all took three wickets, but at a ing himself in mystery, ercept when it comes to his age. While touring Australia last winter, he sug-gested he was "about 24"; how he is generally reckoned to be 28 or 29. high cost and with the leg-spinner sending down 55 overs. more than ever he had before in a Test innings. Bowlers on both sides will be pleased to get to the This fast bowling certainly takes it out of you. By such bounce and pace of The Oval. calculations, Fred Trueman Batsmen may not be so sure: some foot-slogger is going to must be as old as Methuwish.

At Headingley, though Waqar's threat ha Fully to appreciate Wa- Wagar's

remained largely subdued, with Hussain and Knight deceived by slower balls and only Caddick unbinged by a ball of full length gar's threat, one needs to delve in Test cricket's sha-tistics. His strike rate — amounting to a wicket every 38 deliveries — is massively superior to that of any fast bowler of the modern era, and virtually of all time from this ner. of all time. From this per-spective he is a Bradman among the pacemen. hall.

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which swung in to strike leg stump. Such swing was seen only rarely. This Leeds pitch is not abrasive in the way that Lord's was — and The Oval surely will be — thus reducing the natural roughing-up of the old

All this confirms the sus-Additionally Wager has picion that Headingley,

start of his run, causing Pakistan to ask the match referee for its removal. Unsurprisingly the TCCB

seemed to suggest that the Union Of Logo Removers And Allied Trades never work weekends.

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struggled to combat the ground's slope and was vered enough to complain of slipping on the mat bear-ing the sponsor's logo at the start of his run, causing Pakistan in ask the match

since been entirely removed by the weather. Only one bowler in Test history, using 100 wickets as an acceptable minimum, possesses a strike rate su-perior to Waqar's. George Lohmann, a medium-paced English swing bowler, took 112 wickets at less than 11 Tuns apiece between 1886 and 1896, assisted by un-covered pitches that were occasionally described as "muddy" and a shoal of wickets at the end of his career against amateur opposition in South Africa. By then Lohmann was suffering from the tuberculosis that was to take his life in his mid-thirties.

One bowler since the war might also have matched Wagar's exploits. Before South Africa was barred from Test cricket, because of its apartheid regime, Mike Procter's 41 Test wickets had come one every 37 deliveries. Procter also bowled inswing at formidable pace, although he used the traditional method of spit and polish. Given a full career, and the secrets of reverse swing, what a per-former he might bave been.



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	Dancer, fourth in the Epsom Derby, and Nash House behind Tamayaz in the Rose Of Lancaster Stakes at Haydock on Satur- day suggests once again that this season's Classic three- year-olds are a particularly talentless bunch. Significantly here the first three home were from the older generation and Ta- mayaz, who won by five lengths, is not top class. The Derby form seems use- less — the first five have run eight times subsequently without winning — and this is not just the view of a jaun- diced old critic. Even that super-optimist Paul Kelleway, trainer of Glory Of Dancer, is coming	lion on August 25 instead of the York race now. "Pat (Eddery) said he changed his legs and was stumbling about in that ground and from now on I shall only run him on the firm. "The message from Italy was wait 'til you see him on the soft, but I knew from the way he went at home that he liked the firm," said Kelleway. Giory Of Dancer won the Group One Grand Criterium in Milan when trained in Italy as a two-year-old, but he had an operation on his knee joints during the winter and Kelleway feels it is because of that he likes a solid surface under his legs.	So this could have been his last race. Kieren Fallon marked the announcement of his job as number one rider to Henry Cecll next season with a two day ban (August 19 and 23) imposed by the Haydock stew- ards for careless riding on In- sider Trader in the Coral Handicap. Fallon's association with Cecil poses the question about how this sparky 31- year-old Irishman with a bad disciplinary record will gel with a trainer noted for his suave, laid-back approach. On the face of it one could hardly get two less similar types but in their different ways each has a strong will to win.
	round to that opinion and is now thinking twice about tak- ing on the older horses in the Juddmonte International at York next week. "Can the three-year-olds beat the older ones?" was the question he was asking yes- terday. "Glory Of Dancer	As for Nash House, he ran abysmally beating only one home. Peter Chapple-Hyam is an experienced enough trainer not to make mistakes in assessing his horses so if he says Nash House is good, yon believe him. Perhaps this colt is one of	Cecil commented: "I think we'll get on well together. I've got a good feeling about it. I wanted someone young as you've got to be thinking about the future." Where this leaves Pat Ed- dery, who has ridden the win- ner of two Classics for Cecil this season, it is hard to tell although Cecil says he will
orto: RimimASA MAYAMA dar is still owned Wertheimer who race as La m in the States. vas simply not igh on the day, ace in Turf his- ady guaranteed.	Anabaa makes ANABAA took another step for wards the European sprint championship when extending his unbeaten re- cord for the season to six in the Group One Prix Maurice de Cheest at Deanville yester- day, uvites Chris Haukins. The Criquette Head-trained colt, now likely to go for the Haydock Park Sprint Cup next month, was a comfor- able length and a half winner from Miesque's Son with Dan- ehill Dancer, who fared best of the five British challeng- ers, third.	Ed Dunlop's Iktamal fin- ished fourth while Blue Duster showed early pace but faded into fifth. Young Ern was seventh and Easy Dollar eighth of the nine runners. In Ireland the Heinz 57 Stakes at Leopardstown went to 20-1 chance Mantovani, trained by Jim Bolger, who beat Mick Channon's Muchea with the hot-favourite Ver- glas only third. Mantonvani was ridden by Connor Everard who got a beautiful run through on the rails to win with authority.	still take some rides when available. If Eddery manages to clinch the championship this season there is no doubt Cecil will have played a significant role (Eddery has so far ridden 31 winners from 97 rides for him) and without his support further titles are a forlorn hope for the 44-year-old Irishman. Of course, the enforced two months' absence of Frankie Dettori with injury has been instrumental in putting Ed- dary in a position to win an 11th championship which it must be said has come out of the blue.
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Cigar's jockey Jerry Balley, who elected to get into a duel up front with Siphon so as not to let the Holly-wood Gold Cup hero build up a big lead. ours

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wood Gold Cup hero build up a big lead. Both pace-setters ran out for steam and this set the race up perfectly for Dare And Go, a 39-1 chance, who is Siphon's stable-mate. Dare And Go, trained by Richard Mandella, had lit-tle difficulty in passing a thred Cigar in the straight and hacked up under Alex Solis to win by three and a half lengths with ears

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F HE were an athlete you would say he is human after all. The mighty Cigar was beaten into

second place in his bid for the American record of 17 consecutive wins when out-gunned by the outsider Dare And Go in the Grade One Pacific Classic at Del Mar, California, on Satur-day night.

day night. Race tactics backfired for

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Ron Cox

half lengths with ears pricked. Siphon was a further seven lengths back in third.

Inevitably there was criticism of the way Bailey rode Cigar, who was sent off at 10-1 on. However, the six-year-old's trainer, Bill Mott, sportingly admitted that Mandella "deserved his success." He added: "We have abso-

lutely no excuses, except maybe for the fast pace. Naturally I am disap-pointed to have lost and disappointed in myself that we didn't plan the race a little differently," added Mott. Bailey said: "I could tell | think it was a killer pace."

down the back stretch that he wasn't full of running like normal, and I knew once I got to the three fur-long pole that he would be in trouble if something came at him. But I didn't thigh is normal. 20th century American record of 16 consecutive wins last month in an Invita-

tional event at Arlington, but this was always going to be more of a test.

Cigar equalled Citation's And Go, who won four oth century American re-France at two and three be-fore joining Mandella in California, had to miss an intended encounter with Cigar in the Dubai World

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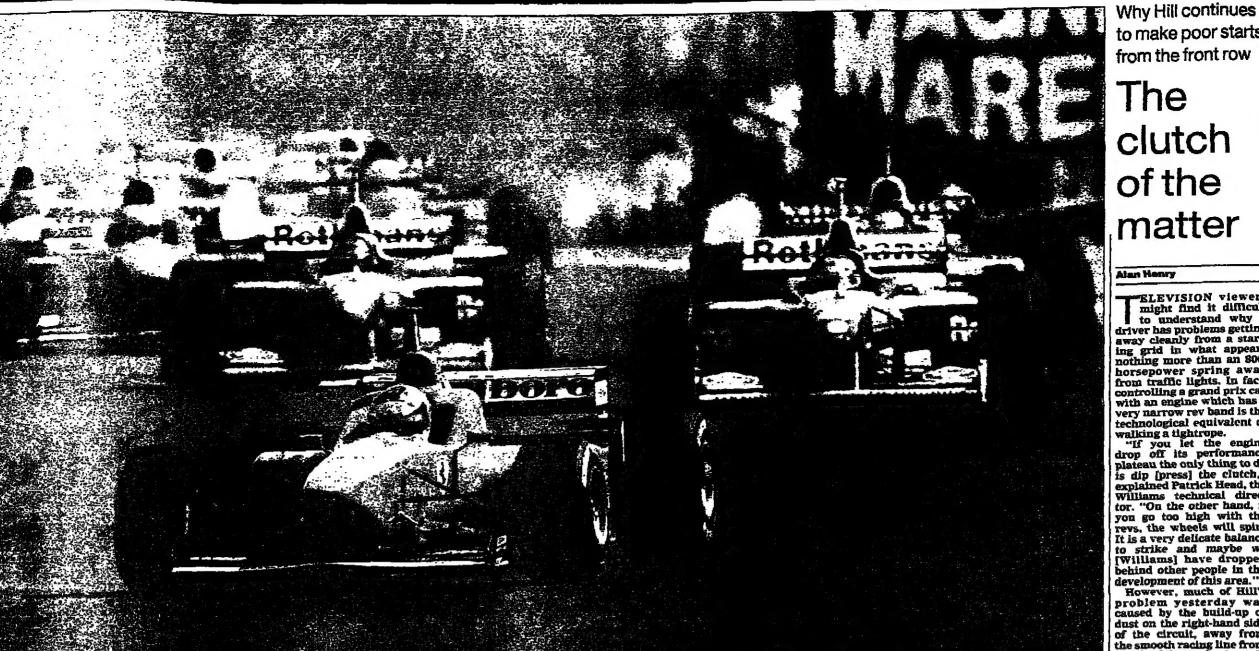
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Biting the dust . . . Schumacher, front, and Villeneuve, right, accelerate away from Hill, beyond the German, as the Hungarian Grand Priz gets underway at the Hungaroring yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: DUSAN VRAMC

Villeneuve holds off Hill and closes gap

Alan Henry in Budapest sees the Williams drivers complete a one-two as the team clinches the constructors' championship

world championship hopes came under further assault yesterday when his Williams Renault team-mate Jacques Villeneuve beat him into second place in an exciting finish to the Hungarian Grand Prix here despite a thrilling spurt the Englishman in the

points, remaining, Villeneuve liams drivers, their team was delighted. "It was great, clinched its eighth construc-especially because I was able tors' championship. That to best Damon on that track. I don't usually like that kind of circuit but this victory has made me very happy.' After a tactically demanding and complex battle Hill resumed after his third refuelling stop 7sec behind the

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Canadian but reduced that to closing stages of the 77-lap 0.7sec - three car lengths contest Villeneuve's third victory over the final 15 laps. Olivier Panis's Ligier and the son reduced Hill's advantage | come of the drivers' champi- | completed the top six. to 17 points with four races, onship remains finely bal-

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Hill effectively lost the race when he was slow away from HILL's | carrying a maximum of 40 | anced between the two Wilequals Ferrari's record, although the Italian marque won its first title in 1961, 19 years before the younger Williams team's maiden triumph.

Schumacher's Ferrari, Hill was bogged down in fourth place behind Alesi, a setback Behind Hill was Jean Ale-si's Benetton in third place, almost lapped by the domi-nant Williams pair, while Mika Hakkinen's McLaren, which cost him a second a lap in the opening stages. "I was particularly dis-gusted with the start," said

Hill, "but, that aside, the race

rari, having qualified on pole position, went out with throting stages I was the fastest car on the track but I lost the race tle problems while running behind Jean in the first 10 third with seven laps left. laps. Michael and Jacques

second place on the front row of the grid, having to race off-line on the dust as the pack sprinted for the corner. Villeneuve completed the opening lap tucked tightly behind

were long gone. "The way the clutch works doesn't suit me and Williams have been working hard to provide me with a clutch I was a bit confusing." can use more easily. But we're going testing in Barce-lona, where we can do more

work on that. I'm frustrated about the way it operates. I don't know how many times the clutch has cost me time at the start of a race."

Having made that slow start, Hill believed he would on lap 31 when the French-man alid wide at the first have been better served with

what I was doing," he said, slip ahead of Schumacher to "but the strategy was take the lead during the first changed after the first stop. round of refuelling stops, When I made the first stop, I thought I was doing a twostop until the time I came in for my second and I found out I was doing another stop. So it

In fact, when Schumacher came in for his first refuelling stop Hill stayed out for six laps in order to make sufficient ground on the Ferrari to stay shead as he emerged from his own first stop. In fact, he dropped to fourth be-hind Alesi, only overtaking the Benetion for third place

after which Hill got a chance to make a realistic challenge to his team-mate only when the Canadian lost 10sec at his final stop because of a sticking rear-wheel nut. In the closing stages Ville-neuve did all he needed to, concentrating on keeping

things tidy and not making a mistake. Although Hill's was the fastest car at that stage, the Canadian refused to be pressured and rounded off the afternoon confident that he might now be able to make Hill work for the champion-ship up to the final race at

Head. In view of Villeneuve's

consistent success in this respect, Hill might do well to consider whether it is

to make poor starts from the front row

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The clutch of the matter

Alan Henry

ELEVISION viewers might find it difficult to understand why a driver has problems getting away cleanly from a start-ing grid in what appears nothing more than an 800-horsepower spring away from traffic lights. In fact, controlling a grand prix car with an engine which has a very narrow rev band is the technological equivalent of

walking a tightrope. "If you let the engine drop off its performance is dip [press] the clutch & explained Patrick Head, the Williams technical direc-tor. "On the other hand, if yon go too high with the revs, the wheels will spin. It is a very delicate balance to strike and maybe we [Williams] have dropped babind other woonle in the behind other people in the development of this area." However, much of Hill's problem yesterday was caused by the build-up of dust on the right-hand side of the circuit, away from the smooth racing line from which Schumecher's pole which Schumacher's pole position Ferrari and Villeneuve's Williams benefited. Throughout the morning warm-up Hill had swooped across to the right in an at-tempt to clear the dust but obviously that had little effect.

Hill has made poor starts and thus squandered his front-row positions at four races this season. He uses a conventional foot clutch who got away cleanly, has a hand-operated electronic lever mounted behind the steering-wheel rim which he operates rather like a motorcycle clutch.

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These two configurations are a matter only of personal preference. "Some people may have more feel in their fingers than some have got in their feet," said

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Japan's Suzuka circuit in time to take a leaf out of his Villeneuve had managed to | November.

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Christie upstaged by Hansen as London farewell falls flat

Duncan Mackay at Crystal Palace

INFORD CHRISTIE. who once claimed he could fill any British stadium, was faced with rows of empty seats as he began his farewell tour with a victory

here yesterday. The Performance Games were intended as a fly-past for Christie and Britain's returning Olympic medal-winners, a moment for dipping wings and looping the loop before the appreciative fans. But only 5,000 turned out in the rain to give the former Olym-pic and world 100 metres champion a London goodbye. Four years ago such was the demand for tickets to wel-come home Christie from Barcelona that there were

ticket touts outside the Don Valley Stadium. Christie won his 150m race been unthinkable and the op-position was ordered accordingly. "All good things must come to an end," said Christie. "I'll be back next year sitting in the crowd."

Disqualification for two false starts in the Olympics final still clearly rankles with him. "I think they cheated was denied a place in the me, but that's life." he said. Olympic final because the

ual medallists were on display but they were upstaged by an Olympian who did more than go through the mopended for four years. tions. Ashia Hansen grabbed what little glory there was by breaking her own Common-wealth and British triple Tony Jarrett, who fell in the quarter-finals of the 110m hurdles in Atlanta, scored a morale-boosting victory over the Olympic champion Allen jump record with an out-standing leap of 14.67 metres. The 24-year-old Londoner was raising her national re-cord for the sixth time in her

Johnson and world record holder Colin Jackson in 13.32. The Briton was able to punch the air in triumph a stride or career. Her target now is to two before the finish line break the 15-metre barrier. such was his superiority over which would make her a serithe two men who had hotous contender for a gold medal at next year's World

Championships. As Hansen was travelling back from the United States last week she was being pronoted in the Olympic results from fifth to fourth after the woman immediately ahead of her, Bulgaria's Iva Prandz-heva, was disqualified for testing positive for anabolic steroids. "This was the performance I was looking for in Atlanta," Hansen admitted. The burdler Angela Thorp, third yesterday behind the Ja-maicans Dionne Rose and Gillian Russell, was another en-titled to mixed feelings about her Atlanta experience. She set a UK record of 12.80sec but

All five of Britain's individ-tal medallists were on dis-ova, who beat her in the semi-blay but they were upstaged by an Olympian who did drugs test and has been sus-Mark Richardson is an-

other athlete who left Atlanta frustrated. Food poisoning prevented him from challenging for an individual place in the 400m and he was restricted to a place in Britain's silver-medal winning relay team. His third leg of 43.62, the fastest ever by a European, showed he had timed his season to perfection.

The 24-year-old now has his sights on Roger Black's UK record of 44.37 after comfortably beating the silver-medal winner in the rarely run 300m, which included all Britain's relay squad. Like all the other athletes he was disappointed more people were not here to watch.

While the curtain is coming down on the career of one British Olympic legend, another has decided to delay her call. Tessa Sanderson, who initially came back just to qualify for a record sixth Games, announced after finishing second in the javelin with a throw of 61.24 metres that she intends to hang around for the world champi-onships. "Us 40-year-olds don't just lay cown and die."



Kenya to investigate Olympic flop

performance at the Olympic Games, writes Duncan Mackay. The Kenyan Government plans to set up an independent commission to determine why its athletes won only one gold medal in Atlanta, the worst return since 1984. "We must go back to the

drawing board and find the root cause of all our woes," said Nyiva Mwende, the cultural and social services minister. Several key members staged a five-hour sit-in at the airport baggage area when the team arrived 05.9

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BRITAIN is not the back in Nairobi on Satur-bony country wring-ing its hands over its they would have to pay biggest impression. Daniel Komen, the 20-year-old who duties on electrical equipfailed to qualify in the Kenya trials, missed Nour-eddine Morceli's world ment purchased in the United States. They com-plained that customs offi-3,000m record by 0.05sec as cials were punishing them for the team's poor show-ing; in 1988 and 1992 duties he ran 7.25.11; and Wilson were not required.

Kipketer, the adopted Dane who refused to run for Kenya, won the 800m in Joseph Keter, Kenya's only gold medallist, was among a number of athletes 1.42.59. Many competitors gave the impression they were who went straight back on to the lucrative European Grand Prix circuit. Keter turning up only for the francs. Zurich, the richest meeting in the world with an annual athletes' budget of \$6 million (£3.8 million). won the 3,000 metres steeplechase at Monte Carlo on Saturday in 8min

barro on Gardinary in and Cologne are two events But two other Kenya- taking a stand against the

spiralling appearance fees demanded by top athletes by refusing to cede to Michael Johnson's request Michael Johnson's request for \$100.000 per race.

Friday's meeting in Co-logne has cancelled the 400m rather than be held to ransom by the Olympic 200 and 400m champion. "Michael Johnson is too expensive." a spokesman said.

Brad Hunt, Johnson's agent, said Johnson wij miss Zurich on Wednesday and Cologne because he has not recovered from the in-jury sustained after the 200 metres in Atlanta. The least of our concerns are a couple of meetings in Europe," he said.

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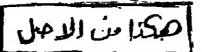
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ABRIZIO Ravanelli could not find a way past one of his old Italian enemies. Internazion-ale, in an uncompromising 0-0 draw at the Riverside Stadium yesterday which saw his Middlesbrough team-mate Nick Barmby carried after only six minutes with a calf injury.

Barmby is doubtful for Boro's Premiership opener with Liverpool on Saturday and a 20,000-plus crowd be-came irritated by increasing off-the-ball incidents Ravanelli, Bryan Robson's £7 million signing from Juventus, put the ball

in the net only to see his free-kick ruled out because a colleague impeded Inter's defensive wall. The game, a benefit for

Willie Maddren, raised around £170.000 for the former Boro player and manager who is suffering motor neurone disease

Gianluca Vialli admitted to being only 40-50 per cent fit after making his Stam-ford Bridge debut in Steve Clarke's benefit game against PSV Eindhoven which the Dutch side won

3–2. The Italian striker has been suffering thigh trouble but said: "At Southamp ton next Sunday I hope to be 100 per cent fit, and you will see a different Chelses.'



Balancing act . . . but the £7 million Fabrizio Ravanelli could not tilt the contest Middlesbrough's way against Internazionale at the Riverside Stadium yesterday

THE WAY THE MONEY GOES Why it is £22.5 million tough at the bottom

Martin Thorpe finds the game's accountants fearing for the future of Football League strugglers as Premiership clubs prosper

HE rich are getting (in the season 1994-95. richer and the poor are in danger of going under: Manchester United and Newcastle United combined have a greater turnover than the whole of the First Division; Alan Shearer's £15 million transfer fee is equal to 45 years of Torquay's home gate takings; his in the long term." weekly £25,000 salary would pay the wages of all Torquay's senior playing staff for a re still losing m

That trend has become even "The gap between the Pre-mier League and Football League has become a gulf and more pronounced last season and this, prompting Mike Bateson, chairman of the is in danger of becoming a league's bottom club Torchasm," he says. "The foot-ball authorities have to dequay, to say: "I don't like the way the game is going. I'm a believer in grass-roots footcide if that is what they want. It is difficult otherwise to see ball and there is a danger the how some clubs will survive grass roots could be swept away. The future doesn't look The latest blow for Football Boog League clubs is not that they

This is despite the fact that inglish football saw its iny - £47.9

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than £20 million. Next came Tottenham with £5.3 million. then Aston Villa (£3.7 million), Chelsea (£3.1 million) and Leicester City (£2.4 million). The largest pre-tax loss was Everton's £9.4 million, though this was after heavy transfer expenditure.

Altogether the 92 clubs pent a record £110 million on player transfers among themselves, 20 per cent up on the previous year and twice the amount spent only five years ago.

English football's overall 1993/94 wages bill (ie, for both play ing and laving



as claimed an even greater prop ortion of it. The gas ional football was worth £81 million more in 1994-95 than it was in 1993-94 and the top flight was the dest for 68.9 per cent of it as opposed to 62.4 per cent the year before. Much of this has been spent on la and increased wages

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Professional football in this country is heading for a 1994-95, in which year alone they lost £22.5 million --- but the fact that the transfer in crossroads. Either it continues down this path towards more free-market disparity, come that traditionally trickles down from above to help offset those operating losses is declining. which would threaten the base of the traditional pyra-mid of 92 clubs, or the rich, In 1994-95 Football League recognising that the strength clubs received only £9.5 milof the English game is its depth, must take a collective lion in transfer income, down from £13 million the previous year as Premiership clubs decision to help the poor out of the financial gutter. That is the belief of Gerry began to bow to commercial

pressures to buy star names Boon, who put together the report by the accountants Defrom either abroad or other Premiership clubs rather than gamble on players from loitte & Touche on the financial state of the English game | the lower divisions.

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staff) has also gone through the roof, rising by 13 per cent over the four divisions to £243 come lesp 21 per cent to £468 million in 1994-95. However, the telling figure is that Premiership clubs accounted for million, which represents 52 per cent of total income. In the Premiership players £323 million of that. Boon estimates that overall

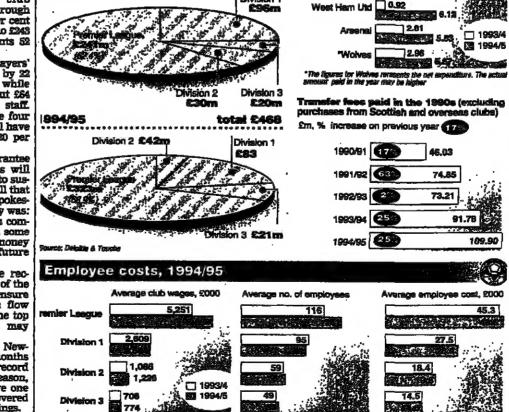
income will have risen by an-other 20 per cent last season and that Football League club wages rose even more, by 22 per cent to £80 million, while those clubs also paid out £64 million to non-playing staff. Boon estimates that the four divisions' wages bill will have finances will be bolstered from this season by their lucrative new television deal. However, any thoughts of their catching increased by another 20 per cent last season.

up with Premiership finances can be forgotten; once the Pre-But there is no guarantee that the lower echelons will be given the assistance to susmiership's £670 million deal with BSkyB kicks in, the tain such wage levels. All that the Premier League's spokeswealth gap will develop into a man Mike Lee would say was: Premiership clubs are also "The Premier League is com-mitted to ensuring that some one step ahead in terms of op-

erating profit, or what they make before transfer fees are taken into account. In con-trast to the Football League clubs' losses of £22.5 million for 1994-95, Premiership clubs made oversting updit of the new television money is used to invest in the future of the game. "The Premier League rec-

ognises the importance of the grass roots and we do ensure clubs made operating profits of more than £49 million. that there is a certain flow down of monies from the top Take transfers into consideration, however, and English flight." Those monies may football made an annual pre-tax loss of £14.1 million overnot be endugh

• The £21 million that Newall for that season. Amid all this, however, 12 castle spent in the 14 months ending July 1995 was a record for a British club in a season, of the 22 Premiership clubs made a pre-tax profit, the largest, predictably, being in that the accounts covered Manchester United with more | two years' summer signings.



United in a desire to take a timely City profit

transfer rumour.

 Tony May
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 THE CASH bonanza currently being enjoyed by Premiership clubs has not gone unnomiced in the City of Landon
 But then again, the City is in benevolent mood. The stock market is near its all-time peak and - bungling.
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 interest rates are low --there is a seemingly endless and the stock-market val-ues of Manchester United flood of money into the markets looking for a quick and Tottenham Hotspur both hit new highs last turn. Companies have to go out of their way to upset in-vestors at the moment.

season. These clubs were seen as good investments because they had been financially successful for many years It was a different story at the start of the decade when football was seen as a and could expect booming rich man's folly, an indus-income from television try awash with secret

us," he said, "we have to im-prove what we are best at,

and return, clubs may struggle clubs to convince City investors toll to that they mean serious business So it is not surprising

that some big club share-holders have taken the chance offered by the buoythere remains a technical problem with football ant market to sell a few shares — what the City calls "taking profits". Leslie Silver at Leeds received 25.4 million for his shares last month when the clubs. Fans and directors hold the shares and rarely sell, so there is little trad-ing to set shares' true value. Instead traders may simply mark the price of club was sold. Earlier this shares up and down accord-

year Martin Edwards shed part of his family's shareing to the latest result or holding in Manchester

But, once tougher times United for £21 million.

It is likely that more clubs will use the promise of rising attendances and viewing figures for the

coming season to try for a flotation on the stock market. But the City is not a charity house and only likes winners. Newcastle, despite yester-

day's result, would certainly come into that category and are considering a flotation. But it is understood that their chairman Sir John Hall is cooling on the idea because flotation would probably reduce his control over the club.

of taking a 51 per cent stake in the club for only £1 at any time in the next three years. Martin Gregory, the First Division club's managing di-rector, will use Venables's name prominently in a prospectus designed to attract a minimum of five investors, each providing £1 million. The club, which lost £2.8 million in the last financial year and has a bank overdraft of £1.6 million, plans a stock market flotation next year. "These are exciting times," Gregory said. "I've said all along that if we could get Terry Venables on board the club would take off." "It's going to take time to sort things out but something has to be done quickly," said Venables. "It's a challenge

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I'm really looking forward to. The potential here is massive and that excites me." Terry Fenwick, the man-

ager Portsmouth appointed 18 months ago on Venables's recommendation, said the for-

mer England coach would pose no threat to his own position. "I'm looking forward to working with him again immensely," said the former England defender, who played for Venables at Crystal Palace, Queens Park Rangers and Tottenham. "It will be a great learning process for my-self and all the players."

Venables was given a stand-ing ovation at Fratton Park on Saturday when Ports-mouth beat Bristol City 1-0 with a 57th-minute penalty

from Alan McLoughlin. Don Howe, Venables's as-sistant England coach, faces the sack today. He is reportedly to be offered a job as the Football Association's interim technical director. Glenn Hoddle, who has ap-

pointed John Gorman as his assistant, cost Howe one of his previous jobs. Howe was a coach at Chelsea when Hod-dle became manager in 1993 but resigned after being offered what he called a "token job" as a scout.

Lars Bohinen has expressed his growing frustration at Blackburn Rovers to a Swedish newspaper. "We could have been challenging for the title this season but, without Shearer, forget it," the Norwegian international midfielder told VG. "The players are finding it difficult to come **Celtic's philosophy fails first test and Rangers underline the two points**

to terms with Alan's depar-ture. The atmosphere has changed and the players are becoming easily upset." He was particularly critical

of the manager Ray Harford. "He is continually changing the team around," Bohinen claimed. "Training is very frustrating."

Lee Sharpe passed his med-ical examination yesterday and his 54 million move from Manchester United to Lucia should be completed total.

This is significantly decisive, dif-ference between Rangers and Caltic is that the Thurs and a which is playing the con-trolled, passing game that has always been our helimication Celtic is that the Ibrox Park Admirable as Burns's phiside, when their keys are mislosophy may be, it is one which cannot work over the laid, are strong enough to take the door off its hinges. course of a season. On Saturday it was unable to sustain It is an advantage Rangers have enjoyed for years and one which Tommy Burns, the itself for 90 minutes.

Patrick Glenn

Scottish round-up

"To close that gap between | Pittodrie, Celtic should have | move from Bolton, failed to seen off Aberdeen. Van Hooydonk's free-kick which gave them a 1-0 lead in the first and was then sent off for triphalf was a small reflection of ping the striker. Windass their superiority. But, when Aberdeen brought on the striker equalised from the spot. When Shearer gave Aber deen the lead soon after, it

was difficult to imagine Shearer to join Windass and removed the tiring Tzvetanov Rangers conceding such an advantage. Thom's last-minfrom the left wing-back position, the visitors were ratiled. one which Tommy Burns, the During an hour of almost Alan Stubbs, making his draw which, on balance Celtic manager, recognises, uninterrupted excellence at debut after a £3.5 million the least they deserved.

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But they face further troucontrol the ball in his area, ble as McKinlay is to be pushed it towards Shearer reported to the SFA by the referee. After the final whistle the full-back got involved in a mild altercation with Aberdeen's Rowson and ap-

peared to say something to Hugh Dallas, the official Rangers' refusal to allow indifferent form to affect them ute equaliser gave Celtic a draw which, on balance, was home win over Raith Rovers thanks to Steven's goal.

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Champions without charity

Newcastle's £15m launch is wrecked

David Lacey at Wembley

Manchester another successful season beckons; for Newcastle United the defence resta Yesterday's overture of-fered Old Trafford strong eminders of how the champi onship was regained and St James' Park uncomfortable emories of how it was lost. More than 45,000 Newcastle

supporters thronged Wembley er anticipation of seeing Alan Shearer throw down a £15 million gauntlet that would leave Manchester United numbed with self-doubt, Double or no Double. In the event Newcastle were, for the most part, all fingers and thumbs. Alex Ferguson's team won the most passionate Char-ity Shield match in living memory by the second-bigges margin since the occasion moved to the stadium, and did so moreover without an orthodox centre-forward.

Kevin Keegan offered no excuses for a Newcastle perfor-mance that fell way below last season's high standards. "Manchester United's 4-0 win was about right," he confes ed.

Two goals in six minutes left Keegan's side chasing the natch. Two more in three minutes towards the end left New-castle to ponder the uncomfort-

able truth that it will take more than the magple's eye of Sir John Hall to bring the league title to Tyneside for the first time in 70 years. Only Nottingham Forest, who beat Ipswich 5-0 in 1978, have won the Shield more emphatically at Wembley.

At least yesterday's events will have reminded Newcastle that the championship is seldom won when goals are given away so freely. Reegan's de fence played more in the spirit of Green Shield than Charity Shield.

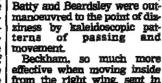
Fortunately for Cantona the referee Paul Durkin was char-ity personified. Otherwise the than who has taken over from Steve Bruce as Manchester United's captain might have been sent off in the 65th minute. Since completing the eight-

month suspension imposed by the FA for his assault on a Crystal Palace fan Cantona has been a model of self-control. Last season, having returned to the United side at the beginning of October, he was caufourth tioned only once.

Newcastle's destruction as Lee, Batty and Beardsley were outmanoeuvred to the point of dizziness by kaleidoscopic pat-terns of passing and

At least Newcastle estab-lished an attacking presence in the second half once Ginola began to roam and Asprilla had replaced a labouring Beardsley. But Schmeichel was seldom troubled and, with two of Ferguson's summ signings, Karel Poborsky and Jordi Cruyff, now augmenting their attack, the champions

strode on to a Cantona pass and lobbed the advancing Srnicek. Two minutes later Giggs rolled a free-kick square for Keane to acore an emphatic



from the right wing, sent in Camona to slide the ball past Synicek after 24 minutes. On the half-hour Beckham gath-ered a back-beeled flick from Cantona before centring for Butt to head in the second. Butt later went of with a concussion apparently shared by the opposing defence. At least Newcastle estab-

mopped up. In the 85th minute Beckham

"We've got to defend as well



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New season, old result . . . Eric Cantona, Manchester United's new captain, shrugs aside John Beresford's challenge at Wembley

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between the two sides today. Surely we can't be that bad again.

'We only came here by invitation because Manchester United had won everything Now I wish they'd invited somebody else.'

While Shearer, closely watched by May and poorly supplied with passes and crosses throughout, struggled to make an impact, Manchester United consistently exploited the gaps left by inept Newcastle defending. The command of Eric Cantona, apart from one dark descent into the for less, and suspended for six weeks, after a spat with Leeds Frenchman's recent past, was United's Billy Bremmer during Wembley's first Charity Shield Imperious and David Beck-ham's influence on the match can only have impressed the game in 1974. watching England coach Glenn Hoddle.

ing, therefore, that he should suddenly seize Albert, Newcas-tle's Belgian defender, by the who had failed to hit the target, "and we didn't even do that today." scruft of the neck and throw "Poborsky and Cruyff

him to the ground like a sack of pommes de terre. Albert had showed that you don't have to pay exorbitant prices to get brilliant value," said Ferguson begun to remonstrate with Gary Neville, who had just fouled him, when Cantona intervened. a little mischievously. Nobody mentioned Andy Cole, who now looks a snip at 27 million. Like his old team

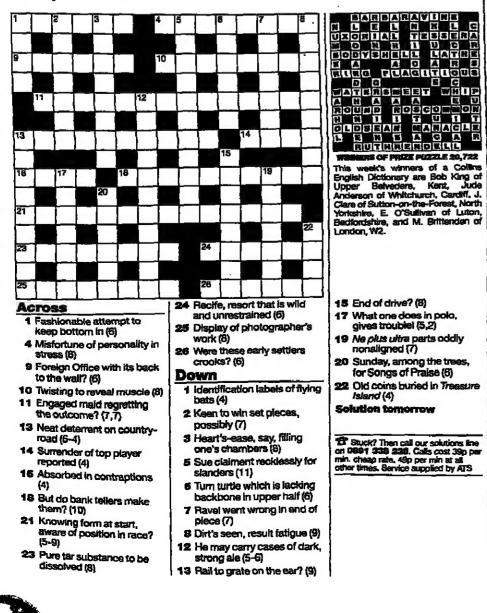
Given the spirit of the occa-sion Durkin was probably cor-rect to show Cantona yellow he had caught pneumonis, ex-cept that in Newcastle's case yesterday the dose was rather than red. But the Frenchman was lucky all the same. Keegan, when playing for Liverpool, was dismissed doubled.

Hanchester United Schmaichet, Irwi (G Neville, Ir-U, May, Pallister, P Nevill Beckham, But (Polocraky, Altahin, Kean Giggs, Scholes (Cruyfl, 65), Cantons. Herroactie United Scholek, Walson Peacock, Albert, Berosford, Beardale (Aspraila, 65), Lee, Batty, Ginole (Gillempi 77), Shaerer, Fardhandd, Haterwas P Durkin (Portland).

Otherwise Cantona was quite superb, orchestrating | More accor, page 15

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eader out of left field was on the right track

David Davies in Louisville

HE 78th US PGA Championship seemed certain to produce a fascinating champion as the final round began at the Valhalla Golf Club here yesterday. It was led by a lefty, but not Phil Mickelson, the one who led

after two rounds. Russ Cochran, the "other" left-hander on the US PGA tour, was attempting to be-come the first player standing on his side of the ball to win a major since Bob Charles did so in 1963 at Lytham. But his record of one win on the US Tour in 14 years of trying did not exactly inspire confi-dence, and if he were to slip then Vijay Singh had a chance to become the first Fi-jian to win a major, or Steve Elkington could the first suc-cessfully to defend the PGA since Walter Hagen won four in a row in the matchplay days of the 1920s

days of the 1920s. Jesper Parnevik had a chance to become the first Swede to win a major and, after nine holes, Tom Watson, who had gone from three under to eight under in the outward half, had a chance to complete a career grand slam by winning the only major so far to elude him.

If the week proved anything at all it was that Faldo is what he is and should not try to change. The Englishman is a finder of fairways, a hitter of ceptional putter. He is known in the trade as a grinder, as a man who goes dourly about his business and does not make mistakes: you can de-pend on Faldo for a par. You can also usually depend on him to be close to the lead, and if the others make mistakes, well, Faldo will be there to pick up the pieces. But this week David Lead-better tried something he is unlikely to repeat he tried to get his star pupil to become an adventurer. He said that he had been trying to "coax" his man into becoming more aggressive, reasoning that the rest of the field would be get-ting plenty of birdies and that Faldo could be left behind.

was in itself interesting, for it indicated a level of resistance to the idea and that Faldo was uncomfortable with the con-cept. With hindsight, it seems and called a level of resistance immaculately in very dark slightly lighter with cream he was right to worry. For once, Leadbetter got it wrong. In the first round Faldo cer-tainly played with more ag-gression, and was rewarded with eight birdles. But he also had five bogeys and while most would regard that as an acceptable level of risk and reward. Faldo hates bogeys. They are an affront to his nature, they are an embarrass-ment and there is no doubt that they rankled with him. It seems likely that after dwelling on that first round - and few conduct a more uncertain of his game plan. His long-standing and hugely trusted mentor was telling him one thing, his instincts another. The result was a 75 that was very like that former New Zealand cricketer whose name was Cunts and was said

to be neither one thing nor the other. The third round followed The use of the word "coax"

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in the second Flying high ... the left-hander Russ Cochran watches his shot PHOTOGRAPH: JOHN SOMMER ball at chest height, and did

bell at chest height, and the wonderfully well to get it on the green at all. Then he holed the putt. He greeted it with his best ironic greeted if with his best ironic grin and immediately holed another long one, at the 12th, statistically the hardest hole on the course. It is made so by the second shot, which has to be hit over a chasm through an avenue of trees to an ele-vated green. It demands a precuffs and collar. It was the sort of outfit you might expect the man from Lloyds Bank to wear: conservative in the extreme, gear for a grinder, a par person's clothes and for-get those flashy birdies.

Yesterday Faldo produced a 73, although this, because of the way the course had been set up, was a better effort than either of his two previous rounds. "There were some very tough pin posi-tions out there," he said 'Everyone will struggle

He improved by four shots searching inquest than Faldo on one hole, the short 8th, - he went out for the second where on Saturday he had hit a huge shank off the tee and then three putted for a six. Yesterday he birdied the hole, but immediately went on to three-putt the 9th, missing from 2% feet.

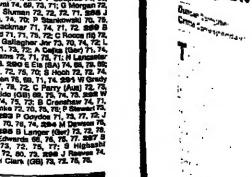
He had problems at the next short hole, the 11th, where a tee shot drifted right and finished on the almost voice barely audible. The third round followed Sheer fortoot bank of a bun-the same pattern, although it ker, arrested by the length of forwards, Teichmann - depu-seemed possible that Faido, the grass. Faido had to stand by the manner of his dress, in the sand and try to play the Pienaar, who was being Xsheer 10-foot bank of a bun-

cision shot of some 220 yards and Faldo's four-iron was that shot. It landed on the fringe of the green and hopped forward nicely, wonderfully.

But there were to be no more. Golf was a struggle and it showed. In a way the championship mirrored his season, which he judges, of course, by his progress in the majors. He began well, his opening 69 reflecting his win in the Mas-ters, but tailed off badly with rounds of 75, 74 and 73. Apart from the Open he did not really challenge in any of the majors after the Masters.

"Tim not going to let what has happened after the Mas-ters dampen the memories of that week," he said. "That was a pretty good week." He was asked if he was now go-ing to start the preparations for the 1997 Masters. "No," he said. "Twe got a day off." said. "Tve got a day off."







team commitment ever seen. For more than 60 minutes dication of the mental and South Africa, who had kept physical states of respective camps. At Newlands on Saturtheir line intact in the three previous games against New Zealand, showed outstanding day Gary Teichmann, the Springboks vice-captain, in a sweat-soaked T-shirt, and resolution and aggression in defence.

"Unfortunately defending takes a lot out of you," said Teichmann. "The All Blacks had long periods where they dominated."

of the most extraordinary per-formances of individual and HE BODY language at post-match press conferences is often a good in-